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## Iraq recaptures strategic peak

BAGHDAD, June 17, (Agencies): Iraq said its troops recaptured a strategic peak from Iranian forces yesterday, two days after it reported retaking five heights elsewhere in the north-eastern mountains.

Spokesman Abdul Jabar Muhssen, of the Defence Ministry said that the Iraqi First Army Corps recaptured the strategic mountain top of Ahmad Roumy in a major offensive launched yesterday.

The mountain, more than 2,000 metres (6,500 feet) high, overlooks an entire Iraqi valley. It is about 40 km (25 miles) northeast of Sulimaniyah, Iraq's largest northern city and the provincial capital of the Kurdish region. The mountain is about seven kilometres (4.2 miles) from the Iraq-Iran border.

The Ahmad Roumy peak was captured by the adjacent town of Mawel by the Iraqis in fierce fighting last summer.

Iraqi anti-aircraft gunners shot down an Iranian helicopter gunship in the northern sector of the warfront today, a military spokesman said.

In Manama, US military officials said that a specially-built Dutch cargo ship in Gulf waters to carry the mine-damaged US Navy frigate Samuel Roberts back to the United States later this month.

The Mighty Servant 2, a 25,743-ton "semi-submersible" cargo ship, was escorted into the Gulf on June 14 and went to Dubai.

## European soccer

MUNICH, June 17, (Reuters): West Germany beat Spain 2-0 in their final European championship Group One tie today to qualify for the semifinals.

In another match, in Cologne, Italy beat Denmark 2-0 today to qualify for the semifinals.

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Fahila: 41°C 106°F  
Fahila: 39°C 102°F  
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Fahila: 20°C 68°F  
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## Shultz, Shevardnadze to hold talks on Mideast conference

# PLO is ready to recognise Israel

WASHINGTON, June 17, (Agencies): The chief spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Bassam Abu Sharif, has been quoted as saying that the PLO is willing to recognise Israel and accept a two-state solution.

In an interview with the Washington Times newspaper, he described his statement as a "breakthrough" and noted that it was circulated originally as a PLO position paper during the Arab summit meeting in Algiers.

The Washington Times and Abu Sharif also disclosed that the paper had been submitted for publication as an article in the Washington Post just before the Moscow summit between US President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. The Post, however, decided not to publish it, Abu Sharif said.

## Influence

The Times said in a comment on the statement that it had originally been meant as a "trial balloon" rather than the signalling of a definitive policy shift by the PLO.

Abu Sharif told the Times that the statement had been drafted to influence Reagan's discussions during the summit.

The PLO spokesman said: "I wrote this article as adviser to the chairman of the PLO. Whatever US Secretary of State George Shultz writes, it is Shultz's adviser who writes it, it is the adviser to the chairman who writes it, it is the adviser to the chairman who writes it."

The Washington Times said the Abu Sharif article, which had been distributed to the press in Algiers, was "so explosive" that Arab newspapers did not touch it.

Because the press did not publish the PLO position paper, it was leaked to a publication in London, the Middle East Mirror. The Times published excerpts from key paragraphs in the statement.

## Secure

It stated, among other things: "We believe that all people — the Jewish and the Palestinians included — have the right to run their own affairs, expecting from their neighbours not only non-belligerence but the kind of political and economic co-operation without which no state can be truly secure."

"The Palestinians want that kind of lasting peace and security for themselves and the Israelis because no one can build his own future on the ruins of another's."

"The means by which the Israelis want to achieve lasting peace and security is direct talks."

## Khomeini alive: Iranian official

NEW YORK, June 17, (Agencies): An Iranian government official denied rumours broadcast by British commercial television yesterday that Ayatollah Khomeini had died.

The press spokesman for the

with no attempt by any outside party to impose or veto a settlement. The Palestinians agree."

"The PLO will accept an internationally supervised referendum on the Israeli-occupied West Bank and in the Gaza Strip to establish whether it represents the Palestinian people if the US and Israel doubt the organisation's credentials."

"The PLO is ready to abide by the outcome and step aside for any alternative leadership should the Palestinian people choose one."

## Salvation

"The PLO will do this because its raison d'être is not the undoing of Israel, but the salvation of the Palestinian people and their rights. Our ultimate aim being a free, dignified, and secure life not only for our children but also for the children of the Israelis."

A Kuwaiti daily said yesterday that a meeting will take place next month between Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and Shultz for setting up the mechanism for a proposed international Mideast peace conference.

The daily quoted diplomatic sources in Amman, Jordan, as saying that they derived their information from contents of a message sent recently to King Hussein in London by the Soviet leadership.

The meeting between Shultz and Shevardnadze in mid-July will focus on reviewing the Mideast issue and basics of a settlement in the light of the agreement reached at the Moscow summit and other earlier contacts.

## Conditions

The sources indicated that conditions of convening the conference are based on recognition of Security Council resolution 242 and condemnation of all forms of terrorism.

The Soviet message to Hussein, according to the diplomatic sources, made note of a US-Soviet understanding that the conference will not have powers to impose resolutions, that the permanent members of the UN Security Council will act to create a positive atmosphere for the negotiations to proceed and they can either collectively or individually offer suggestions or advice.

Invitations for participation in the conference will be extended by the United Nations secretary-general, they said.

The Shultz-Shevardnadze meeting will prove decisive and will lead to setting up of the

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A Palestinian receives treatment in a Nabulus hospital after his was shot during disturbances in Beit Furik. (Reuters wirephoto)

## One more killed in West Bank clash

BEIT FURIK, West Bank, June 17, (Agencies): Israeli troops shot dead a Palestinian and wounded 21 others today during a clash in a West Bank village after the soldiers destroyed a resident's house, the Army and hospital sources said.

Two Israeli officers were slightly hurt by stones during the incident in Beit Furik village near Nabulus, the Army said.

Residents said about 50 other Palestinians were injured by tear gas and rubber bullets and 10 soldiers were hurt in stone and petrol bomb attacks.

Soldiers entered the village before dawn to destroy the home of Ahmed Abu Said Hanani, implicated in the murders of Israeli civilians and former Nabulus mayor Zafer Al Masri in 1986, an Army spokesman said.

## Fatality

"The force found the village closed by roadblocks and it was attacked by rioters throwing bottles, cinder blocks and stones," the spokesman said.

Troops opening fire injured at least 18 residents, six seriously, Dr Hamid Masri at Nabulus Al Irtihad hospital said. A 23-year-old woman was shot in the neck. Three others were treated for

wounds from beatings and rubber bullets.

Tayseer Hussein Imlaitat, 25, shot in the heart, was the latest fatality in a six-month Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip that has claimed at least 218 Arab and three Jewish lives.

He was buried quickly in Beit Furik, wrapped in a Palestinian flag.

Troops demolished Hanani's house and clamped a curfew on Beit Furik. The Army sealed the Anabta village house of Muayad Abdel Rahim Suka'a, saying he was also involved in Al Masri's murder.

## Twelve

Twelve other homes in the West Bank were demolished or sealed off during the night in response to a spate of petrol bomb attacks, the Army said.

At least four Palestinians were arrested in Jericho before troops dumped furniture outside their homes and sealed the structures, the Army said.

Their families said they did not know where their relatives were taken or the charges against them.

Nabulus was clamped under

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## Shultz defends \$1.9b arms sale to Kuwait

WASHINGTON, June 17, (Agencies): Several US senators have voiced concern about Reagan administration plans to sell advanced warplanes and missiles to Kuwait, but Secretary of State George Shultz said they were needed to deter attack by Iran.

Senator Dennis DeConcini, a Democrat, said the administration had told Congress it wants to sell \$1.9 billion worth of equipment to the Gulf nation, including 40 F-18 fighter-bombers, 40 Harpoon missiles, 120 heat-seeking Sidewinder air-to-air missiles, 200 radar-guided Sparrow air-to-air missiles, 300 air-to-ground Maverick missiles, 200 cluster bombs, and 400 laser-guided bombs.

He told Shultz at a Senate subcommittee hearing "It appears almost inconceivable that the administration would be requesting such a massive arms sale" for such a small country.

## Threaten

He and other senators suggested Kuwait's close relations with the Soviet Union might lead to Soviet access to the weapons and that the planes could threaten Israel.

Defending the sale, Shultz said Kuwait was vulnerable to attack by Iran by land and sea.

"This is a positive development," Shultz said. "It represents a step by Kuwait to undertake measures for its own defence."

He said he considered the sale "something of a political breakthrough" because Kuwait would be buying American equipment rather than alternatives available elsewhere.

"I think this sale should be welcomed as a measure of increased willingness of states in the Gulf to rely on themselves," Shultz said.

He noted that Kuwait has been shopping around for new equipment to replace its ageing fighter planes for more than two years and he warned Congress that if Kuwait does not get them from the US, it will buy them from other sources.

## Acquire

"Kuwait is small, it is also very vulnerable, and it has been attacked," Shultz emphasised. "It isn't surprising that they want to acquire more modern aircraft which is the principal thing they can use."

US-Kuwait ties have strengthened since the American Navy began escorting re-registered Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf nearly a year ago.

Shultz said: "We have seen an improvement — a sharp improvement in our relationship with Kuwait and an improved relationship between our military and theirs and I think these are things to be encouraged and this sale tends to do that."

Asked by DeConcini if the administration would be willing to remove the Maverick missiles from the sale, Shultz replied:

"Well, the request is made according to what we think and the Kuwaitis think are the needed weapons to go with the airplane. There is no point in having an airplane unless it has armaments on it and that particular armament is an especially effective weapon system."

Shultz told DeConcini and other concerned senators that the F-18s to be sold could not be refuelled in flight. Defence officials said that without external fuel tanks, the plane has a 200-mile (320-km) attack radius.

Asked by Democrat Frank Lautenberg if the United States could get a guarantee from Kuwait that the planes would not be used against Israel, Shultz replied: "We'll have to see about that."

"The F-18 is not an airplane that can make sorties to Israel — it is out of that range... Their threat principally comes from Iraq... I might say that the alternatives they have before them do involve aircraft with a range that could reach Israel," Shultz said.

## Decide

This appeared to be a hint that if Congress does not approve the deal, Kuwait might decide to buy the French Mirage 2000 fighter plane or the British Tornado.

In response to a question by Republican Arlen Specter, he said it would probably be very difficult to seek a linkage between the sale and formal Kuwaiti recognition of Israel's right to exist.

Shultz said the administration expected the planes to be based in Kuwait, although they could be dispersed if Iran attacked.

## Package

The administration has sent Congress informal notification of the F-18 sale. This will be followed by a formal notification. Unless Congress votes to block the sale — a move that President Reagan could veto — it would go through automatically.

In an attempt to convince members of Congress of the importance of approving the arms package, Shultz said: "The addition of the volume of (40) F-18 production that this sale would generate would reduce the cost per plane, including the cost to our Navy of the planes that they buy. There is a side benefit to the Navy of some substantial sum of money as a result."

Iran today condemned the proposed sale of F-18s to Kuwait.

The Defence Department notified Congress yesterday it had approved a sale of four F-16 jet fighters worth \$90 million to Bahrain and artillery radar units to Pakistan.



V.P. Singh  
Opposition wins 2 seats

## V.P. Singh leading in Allahabad

ALLAHABAD, June 17, (Reuters): Opposition candidates made early gains today in first results from seven Indian parliamentary by-elections being defended by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's ruling Congress (I) Party.

In the key electoral battle in Allahabad, former cabinet minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh, now the opposition standard-bearer, took an early lead over Rajiv's hand-picked candidate in the first round of vote-counting.

District Magistrate Prabhat Chaturvedi said Singh had garnered 16,295 of the 27,300 votes counted so far in the 850,000-strong constituency in Uttar Pradesh. Final results were expected tomorrow.

Singh had conducted an intense campaign against alleged government corruption and Congress Party officials were pessimistic about their chances.

## Violence

They said the mood in Allahabad, where the count started late because violence forced a new poll at one voting booth, pointed to a victory by Singh, Rajiv's former defence minister.

"It could set a trend in the whole of north India for Singh," said one Congress official who asked not to be identified.

Singh's supporters prepared for an all-night vigil at the counting centre which was guarded by hundreds of paramilitary police.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) said the opposition won at least two of the seven by-elections, while the Congress party retained at least one seat.

It said Het Ram of the Lok Dal party won in Sirsa, in Haryana state on the north Indian plains.

Counting was delayed in another Haryana constituency, Faridabad, until the Electoral Commission ruled on whether new voting was required. One person was killed there during election violence yesterday.

PTI said Shantibhai Patel of the Janata Party had been declared the victor in Godhra, in western Gujarat state, ahead of the Congress candidate.

Shakar Lal of Congress won at Pali, in the northwestern state of Rajasthan.

## NWFP governor removed

ISLAMABAD, June 17, (Agencies): President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan has removed the governor, a politician, of North-West Frontier Province (NWFP) and replaced him with a former Army officer.

Retired brigadier Amir Gulistan Janjua yesterday took oath as governor in Peshawar. His predecessor was Fida Mohammad Khan, a leader of the Pakistan Muslim League party.

Janjua, a Punjabi, was an ambassador to Saudi Arabia. Zia also made some administrative changes.

Foreign Secretary Abdul Sattar will be sent to the United Nations as permanent representative. Pakistan's Ambassador to China, Akram Zaki, will replace Sattar.

Four key officials in the state-run mass media, have also been replaced.

Those sacked were the Secretary of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry, along with the heads of Pakistan Television, the National Press Trust and the Press Information Department.

Information Secretary, Munir Hussain is replaced by Anwar Zahid.

## PLO official also ordered to leave

# Britain expels Israeli diplomat

LONDON, June 17, (Reuters): The British government today ordered the expulsion of an Israeli diplomat and a Palestinian official in connection with a PLO commando in connection with a secret Israeli spy operation and a PLO arms cache in Britain.

"The Israeli ambassador has been informed today that a member of his diplomatic staff must leave the country by the end of this month," a government spokesman said.

"The Home Secretary is requiring the departure from Britain by the end of this month of a staff member currently serving in the PLO office in London," he said.

## Suspected

The Foreign Office named the Israeli as Arie Regev, an attaché and the Palestinian as Zaki Al Hawa, whom it said Britain has identified as a member of the PLO's Force 17, an elite unit whose members guard PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

The expulsions were announced after details of an Israeli espionage operation were

revealed in the London trial of a Jordanian convicted of arms possession.

Ismael Sowan was recruited by the Israeli Mossad intelligence agency to spy against suspected PLO member Abder Mustapha, whom police believe was connected with the murder last year of a London-based Arab cartoonist critical of the guerrilla group.

Sowan was sentenced to 11 years imprisonment yesterday for storing weapons, including explosives, rifles and hand grenades for Mustapha, who has fled Britain.

Israeli embassy officials confirmed to police that Sowan had told them last year he was keeping the cache for Mustapha, the prosecution said in court.

But Israel invoked Britain's anger — and the expulsion — by not informing it about the arms.

Government sources said Israel's failure to provide the information violated liaison arrangements between the countries' secret services.

"This isn't the first time that

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## Zia's Islamic law criticised

LAHORE, June 17, (Agencies): Politicians, lawyers and professional women have criticised the enactment of Islamic law in Pakistan, saying it will fuel sectarian tensions and serve as a smokescreen to block elections.

President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq enacted the law, called the sharia, on Wednesday night with immediate effect.

It makes Islam the law of the land but General Zia, in a televised address to the nation, said it wouldn't affect the rights of non-Muslims or Pakistan's business contacts with other countries.

## Intention

However, even the religious Muslim parties have reacted negatively to the presidential decree.

In a joint statement, three religious parties termed the ordinance "an attempt to

promote... an feelings and increased tension among various religious sects."

"(It was) issued with the malafide intention of delaying polls in the garb of expediting the process of Islamisation," said Maulana Fazlur Rahman, secretary-general of the opposition Jamiatul Ulama-i-Islami party.

## Views

Benazir Bhutto, leader of the massive Pakistan People's Party, said Zia had "no right to impose his will on the people of Pakistan," according to a report in the English-language daily Muslim.

Speaking to Pakistani journalists at a reception, she was quoted as saying: "It has been the PPP's stand that Islam, like in the past, is again being used to perpetuate oppressive rule..."

Although Benazir cautiously

welcomed the prospect of new elections after having boycotted the ones in 1985, she criticised Zia's latest move as an abuse of power.

"We believe it is not the business of a caretaker government or an individual to impose their views on the nation," she was quoted as saying. "Like in the past, we will resist any such move."

Benazir repeated her call for free elections and denied reports that her advancing pregnancy would prevent her from preaching the party's platform of popular socialism.

Zia, who seized power in a 1977 military coup, shocked the nation on May 29 when he fired his civilian government of three years and dissolved the National Assembly, claiming they had failed to enact Islamic law and

battle deteriorating law and order.

He hinted he would announce new elections within 90 days but has given no date.

US Secretary of State George Shultz has urged Pakistani President Zia to move swiftly to hold elections.

## Fears

Spokesmen for the Pakistan Bar Council said the appointment of "mufitis," or interpreters of Islamic jurisprudence, to assist the high courts would result in a judicial diarchy.

Pakistan's Women's Acting Forum said it fears the new law will strike down the Muslim family laws ordinance of 1961. It provides for the registration of marriages and divorces, bars polygamy and safeguards sustenance to a woman and her children for a period after divorce.



## INTERNATIONAL

Shipping in Mississippi halted

## Committee appointed to deal with drought in US

CHICAGO, June 17, (AP) — A drought parching much of the United States dropped water levels in key rivers, stopping hundreds of barges in the unnavigable waterways yesterday and causing major financial losses for the inland shipping industry.

President Reagan has appointed an interagency committee to deal with the widespread drought.

Texas farmers, meanwhile, burned the thorns off cactus to provide emergency cattle feed and growers in the Midwest bemoaned yesterday's scattered showers as little more than tantalising.

Georgia and Missouri reported an increase in forest fires because of abnormally dry conditions.

## Deal

The drought, called the worst in a half-century, has plagued America's midsection, where it's as dry as it's been since the dust bowl days of the 1930s. It's also dry throughout the southeast, where farmers have been forced to sell off cattle they can't afford to feed and plow under shriveled crops. The June shortfall of rain follows a dry winter and a parched spring.

Meanwhile, nearly 700 barges in the Mississippi river, a major north-south waterway, were tied up north and south of the Greenville, Mississippi, bridge because the river had dropped to the lowest levels since authorities began keeping records in 1872.

About 50 tows, which need water at least 9 feet (3 metres) deep, awaited dredges to clear silt from the channels.

However, the Army Corps of Engineers discovered a secondary channel at Greenville that might allow smaller tows to pass, corps spokesman Michael Logue said from Vicksburg, Mississippi.

A corps spokesman in St. Louis said lacks and dams along the upper Mississippi have kept river traffic moving despite the low water levels.

A seven-mile (11-km) stretch of the Ohio river in Illinois remained closed to all traffic while a dredge deepened a shallow channel, stranding dozens of towboats and barges. Authorities said that the sweltering heat wave killed an Indianapolis nursing home resident and is believed responsible for at least 20 deaths in the Boston area this week.

Government allows police to use genetic fingerprinting

## IRA bomb kills 6 soldiers

BELFAST, June 17, (AP) — The government has given Northern Ireland police approval to use a revolutionary crime-detecting technique known as genetic fingerprinting following an Irish Republican Army bombing that killed six British soldiers.

But Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher ruled out a reintroduction of detention without trial to deal with an upsurge of IRA violence in the British province.

## Explosives

The bombing occurred on Wednesday night at the end of a charity sports race in Lisburn near Belfast. It brought this year's death toll in the province's sectarian violence to 38, eight this week alone, and came amid fresh Anglo-Irish strains over the extradition of terrorism suspects to Britain.

Police said the soldiers had driven into the market square in central Lisburn in an unmarked military van, apparently to take

part in a footrace that attracted 4,250 competitors.

While they were away, guerrillas wired explosives to the van's chassis. The soldiers returned to the van about 9 pm (2000 GMT), drove it a few yards (metres) and it exploded, police said.

None of the civilians, including an 80-year-old man and a 2-year-old boy, suffered serious injuries, police said.

British and Irish government officials, meanwhile, were meeting in Belfast today to discuss ways of stepping up security cooperation in the aftermath of the IRA bombing on Wednesday.

## Lapse

Mrs Thatcher's top official in the province, Tom King, acknowledged that a security lapse allowed IRA guerrillas to plant a bomb on the soldiers' van while they took part in a 41-kilometre (13-mile) charity run.

King said the soldiers failed to check the unmarked van for explosives and should not have left it unattended in a parking lot while taking part in the footrace.

## Units

Claiming responsibility for the bombing, the IRA vowed to wage "unending war" against the British security forces. The guerrilla group is fighting to oust Britain from Northern Ireland and unite the Protestant-dominated province with the mainly Roman Catholic Irish Republic.

In Parliament last night, King's deputy, Northern Ireland Minister John Stanley, said the government was giving the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the province's mainly Protestant police force, new power to use genetic fingerprinting to fight terrorism.

Police forces in England and Wales already use the sophisticated crime-solving technique, which matches DNA extracts

found in a suspect's blood, semen, hair or saliva with evidence found at a crime scene.

In England and Wales, police cannot use genetic fingerprinting without a suspect's consent, but police in Northern Ireland will be allowed to require suspects to provide saliva samples without consent, Stanley said. Police would take the samples with mouth swabs.

"In the particular circumstances of Northern Ireland, highlighted once again by the horrific murder of the six soldiers yesterday, it seems to us entirely reasonable and necessary ... to give the police the power to take a mouth swab, if necessary, without a suspect's consent," Stanley said.

Earlier yesterday, Mrs Thatcher called the attack a "terrible atrocity" and reiterated the government's determination "to defeat the terrorism of the IRA, which shoot and bomb to kill."

## Crew lands after trip to MIR

MOSCOW, June 17, (Reuters) — A three-man Soviet-Bulgarian cosmonaut crew landed in the Soviet Union today after 10 days in space, the Tass news agency said.

Mission commander Anatoly Solovoyov and flight engineer Viktor Savinykh, both of the Soviet Union, and Bulgarian space researcher Alexander Alexandrov returned from the MIR orbiting station aboard a Soyuz TM-4 spacecraft.

"The descent module carrying the international crew ... has made a soft landing," Tass said. It gave no details about the landing site.

The three-man crew was launched on June 7. Two days later they boarded MIR, joining Soviet cosmonauts Vladimir Titov and Musa Manarov who have manned the station since late December and are expected to remain in space for a year.

The Soviet-Bulgarian team left behind the Soyuz TM-5 craft which took them to MIR, returning instead aboard the vehicle used by Titov and Manarov to fly to the station last December.

During their week on MIR, the crew carried out nearly 50 experiments ranging from metal alloy production and drug purification to studies of Bulgarian pollution and the effects of weightlessness on higher plants and man.

## UK, US want better ties with Iran

PARIS, June 17, (Reuters) — British and US attempts to secure better ties with Iran are hindered by the two countries' "colonial past vis-a-vis Iran," an Iranian minister was quoted as saying yesterday.

Oil Minister Gholamreza Azadeh, in an interview with Le Monde published on the day that France and Iran re-established diplomatic relations, said both countries were sending signals that they wanted improved links with Tehran.

He told the newspaper such problems did not exist with France.

In an apparent reference to British and West German hostages being held in Lebanon, Azadeh said: "If Britain and West Germany have problems in Lebanon, let them make a move, and ask the Lebanese to solve their operation."

Most Arabs oppose the US formula, demanding instead a conference capable of enforcing resolutions, held under UN auspices and attended by all parties to the conflict including the PLO, which US wants excluded as a "terrorist organisation."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Workers march

BELGRADE, June 17, (Reuters) — Thousands of striking factory workers shouting "we want bread" and calling the government "thieves" marched through Belgrade today in the biggest workers' demonstration seen over Yugoslav austerity policies.

The workers, from Belgrade's Zmaj Tractor Factory, marched to the Yugoslav Parliament waving huge red flags and banners and pictures of the late Yugoslav leader Josip Broz Tito.

## Extremists kill 16

PATNA, India, June 17, (Reuters) — Leftwing extremists killed at least 16 people in an attack on villagers in eastern India, the Press Trust of India said today.

Seventeen villagers were also injured in yesterday's attack in the district of Jehanabad near the Bihar state capital of Patna, the news agency said.

The agency quoted official sources as saying the attackers were members of the Naxalites, an extreme leftwing group.

## Defence probe

WASHINGTON, June 17, (AP) — President Reagan told US law enforcement officials yesterday to move "as rapidly as possible" to get facts in a burgeoning Defence Department fraud investigation.

## PLO is ready to recognise Israel

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preparatory committee and sending of invitations to participants in the conference, the sources said.

Meanwhile, Hani Al Hassan, a senior aide of PLO leader Yasser Arafat said differences over the proposed international peace conference had narrowed greatly, "and there were very important agreements at the last summit in Moscow."

Arab diplomats say they have recently detected a more flexible Soviet stance over the powers an international conference should have. They say Moscow has started calling for an "effective" rather than "legally binding" meeting.

Shultz has toured the region, but has not yet visited Israel.

Shultz is expected to meet with international meeting as a step to direct Arab-Israeli talks on temporary self-rule for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Maguid said on Wednesday he expected Shultz to return for "a fifth and decisive peace mission."

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## UK expels Israeli diplomat

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We have told the Israelis these sort of activities are incompatible with diplomatic status and will not be tolerated," a British official said. "We have registered this at a high level."

The official said that last summer Britain told the Israeli embassy it would not accept the return to London of diplomat Jacob Barad, in Israel on leave, after he was linked to the Sowat case.

Before the expulsion orders were announced, Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Avner was summoned to a meeting at the Foreign Office with Permanent Secretary Sir Patrick Wright.

The head of the PLO office, which does not have diplomatic status in Britain, was called in to meet another Foreign Office minister.

The decision to expel Regav, whose exact function at the embassy was not disclosed, was one of the most serious moves Britain has taken against Israel in recent years.

## One more killed

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curfew because of demonstrations there the previous day, the Army said. Witnesses in the northern city said soldiers arrested six women and were checking ambulances leaving Al Itihad hospital.

PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat said today that arsonists in Israel were part of the Palestinian uprising, the official Iraqi News Agency INA reported.

Arafat, visiting Baghdad for the first time since last week's Arab League summit in Algiers, also told INA that the PLO would step up the uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories.

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## Azerbaijan rejects call to transfer rebel region

MOSCOW, June 17, (Reuters) — The Azerbaijan Parliament, meeting today to consider the future of the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh, voted to reject a request by the territory to be transferred to the neighbouring Republic of Armenia.

Azerbaijan Foreign Ministry spokesman Elchin Bagirov said by telephone from Baku that the deputies had voted unanimously for the resolution, which also described as invalid a demand by the Armenian Parliament for the region's transfer.

## Request

"The Supreme Soviet of Azerbaijan considered that the departure of the Nagorno-Karabakh autonomous region ... contradicted the constitution of the Soviet Union as well as the traditional ties of friendship between the Armenian and Azerbaijani peoples," Bagirov said.

He said the resolution described as unacceptable a request by the local government of Nagorno-Karabakh for the small mountainous territory to be ceded to Armenia.

The vote had been widely

expected after the Azerbaijani Parliament's executive body recommended on Monday against the transfer. Azerbaijani President Suleiman Tatliyev urged deputies today to vote against giving up the region.

Officials in Stepanakert, the capital of Nagorno-Karabakh, said crowds of demonstrators who have filled the streets daily to press for border changes had gone indoors to watch the parliamentary session, televised live throughout Azerbaijan.

## Dispute

The Nagorno-Karabakh dispute sparked the worst ethnic tension in the Soviet Union in decades. Huge demonstrations in Armenia in February were followed by bloodshed in Azerbaijan. At least 35 people have died in ethnic clashes.

Armenia's Supreme Soviet voted on Wednesday in favour of annexing Nagorno-Karabakh, ruled by Azerbaijan since 1923 although ethnic Armenians form 75 per cent of its population. It called for nation-wide support of its position.

## Cholesterol-free egg substitute introduced

LYNDEN, Washington, June 17, (UPI) — A small American company introduced a new cholesterol-free egg substitute yesterday that comes in separate containers, consists of separate yolk and egg whites, and is reportedly indistinguishable from real eggs.

Dr. J.P. Cox, Vice-President of research and development and part owner of the seven-person Bon Dente Co., said the eggs will come in cartons of 12 separate plastic containers that can be hard or soft boiled, poached, or opened into a frying pan to make any style of fried eggs.

Cox said "eggite" is a fresh, pasteurised whole egg substitute made from poultry and egg products, gelatin and thickeners. Each eggite egg has one-third the calories of a fresh hen egg.

"Eggite is indistinguishable from and will be marketed next to fresh whole eggs in the dairy case," Cox said.

In blind tests against fresh hen's eggs, consumers chose eggite as the fresh egg 60 per cent of the time or preferred it over the hen's eggs, said Cox.

## Fat man ready for the world

HEMPSTEAD, New York, June 17, (AP) — A man who weighed 1,200 pounds (544 kg) last year when he got stuck in a doorway has said he has lost half his weight, built up his confidence and is almost ready to leave his house for the first time in 17 years.

"I'm ready for the outside world," Walter Hudson said, leaning out a back window of his Long Island home about 40 miles (65 km) east of New York City. "I hope the world is ready for me."

Hudson, 42, wasn't ready for the world — or even his front yard — in February, when he turned down an offer from comedian-nutritionist Dick Gregory to attend Gregory's clinic in the Bahamas. Hudson already had lost several hundred pounds (kilograms) under Gregory's regimen, but balked at leaving the house.

But on Wednesday he said he would step outside in August onto a structure that is being built flush to his bedroom by volunteer workers.

"I'm going to clap my hands and praise God when I get outside," said Hudson, 42.

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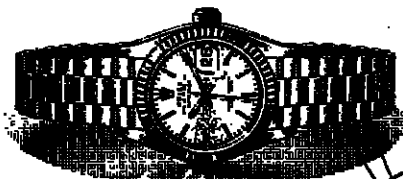
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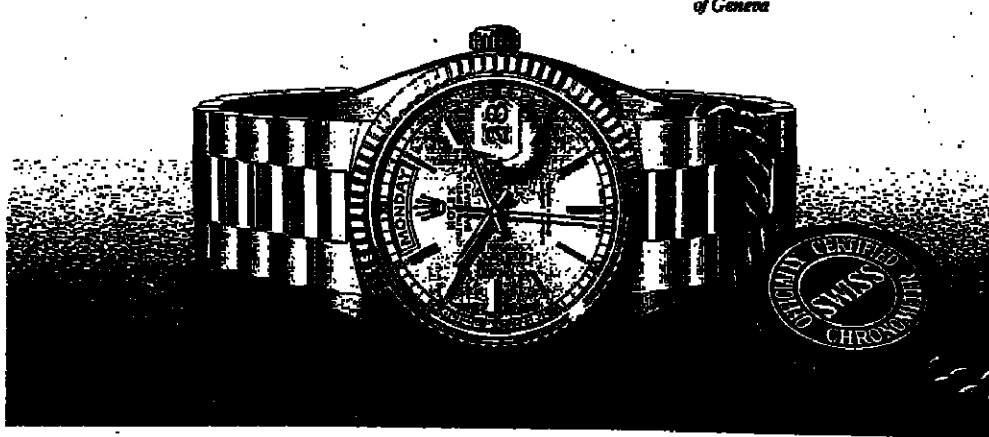


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## Militiamen rescue kidnapped children

BEIRUT, June 17. (Reuters): Pro-Iranian militiamen stormed a shack in south Beirut today and rescued three children whose kidnappers had demanded a \$3 million ransom, the militia said.

A spokesman for the radical Shiite Hezbollah said about 10 militiamen launched the rescue operation after a suspect revealed the location of the hideout.

They stormed the shack hidden among sand dunes in the Chouwaifat area near Beirut airport and the devastated Green Line battle zone, he said.

Thirteen-year-old Dana Al Ariss and her brothers Samer, 11, and Ramzi, six, had been held since Tuesday when six gunmen intercepted their car and seized them on their way to school.

The gunmen, who fired on the children's police escort, demanded \$3 million from their father, Zuhair Al Ariss, a wealthy foreign exchange dealer. No ransom was paid, the Hezbollah spokesman said.

"The children were being held in a locked room in the shack which was guarded by one man," he said, adding that there was no shooting and the guard had been detained.

He said Syrian troops did not take part in the operation as the

hideout lay outside the area of West Beirut under their control, but Hezbollah had coordinated with the Syrians on the case.

After freeing the children at 5:30 am (0230 GMT), Hezbollah handed them over to the head of a Syrian observer force in Lebanon, Brigadier Ali Ham-moud, who took them to their parents.

"We slept on a bed the first night but the next two nights we slept on the ground," Dana said. "We heard the sounds of planes... the place was filled with mosquitos."

"They treated us well, but sometimes cursed us. We ate chicken and sometimes Lebanese meat pies," she said as Samer interrupted to say that they watched the news on television.

They talked about us on television and sometimes we watched video films," he added.

Dana said that after they were seized they were driven to the Green Line and put in the boot of a car and driven off. She said she could not identify the gunmen or their accents.

A security source who questioned the children quoted them as saying they were first held in a two-storey building in Beirut's southern suburbs, a poor and crowded web of narrow alleys.

## UN going broke, may close down by November

UNITED NATIONS, June 17. (Reuters): The United Nations is on the edge of bankruptcy and will have to close down by early November unless members reduce a \$690-million debt, Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar says.

More than \$466 million is owed by the United States alone, which has paid only \$862,000 this year towards its 25 per cent share of about \$215 million for the regular budget.

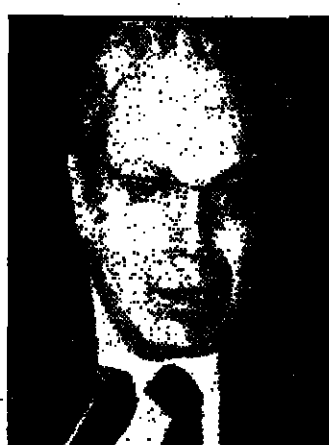
Officials said running the United Nations costs about \$60 million a month.

Perez de Cuellar said in a statement yesterday that if the cash crunch continued the world body would be completely out of money, with all reserves exhausted, by the end of October or early November.

**Contributions**  
"Insolvent, the organisation will have to cease operations and will be unable to meet its commitments to member states and to staff," he said.

Closing the United Nations in about four months' time would disrupt the main event of the UN year, the General Assembly which begins its 43rd session on Sept 20.

Even with an anticipated



Perez de Cuellar

American payment of \$100 million later this year, unpaid contributions were projected for the end of 1988 at the unprecedented level of \$460 million, the Secretary General said.

"All reserves will be exhausted and the cash shortfall will be \$110.3 million," he added.

For 1987, the congress appropriated only \$144 million of a \$212 million American share of the UN regular budget. Of that sum, \$44 million was withheld pending certification by the Reagan administration that UN reforms were being implemented.

A principal change approved by the General Assembly at the end of 1986 calls for budgets to be approved by a consensus of the members, effectively giving the United States and other big contributors a power of veto.

## Ceasefire announcement expected shortly India, Tamils close to pact

MADRAS, June 17. (Reuters): India and the main Tamil separatist group in Sri Lanka are close to an agreement to end the island's five years of conflict, rebel sources said on Thursday.

Sources from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) told Reuters only two important points remained to be decided after lengthy talks with Indian officials.

They expected the announcement of a ceasefire, the first stage in implementing any agreement, on June 18 or 21, when Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is due to make visits to Madras, a major centre for India's Tamils.

A Ministry of External Affairs spokesman in New Delhi told Reuters he had no information on the subject.

**Weapons**  
The aim of the talks has been to persuade the LTTE to end its rebellion and implement last year's agreement between India and Sri Lanka to bring peace to the troubled island.

Under that agreement, India sent a peacekeeping force of over 50,000 men to Sri Lanka and has fought heavy battles against the LTTE.

The rebel group has so far refused to abide by last year's accord under which the

Colombo government agreed to give semi-autonomy to the Tamil-dominated North and to the Eastern province where they are a large minority.

The LTTE sources said agreement had been reached on the number of weapons their fighters would hand over and on the size of a hefty aid package India would give them in return for agreement on implementing the pact.

**Offensive**  
However, agreement had not yet been reached on the time period for handing over the weapons and on the inclusion of LTTE men in a scheme to rehabilitate the Tamil population affected by the war.

The sources said the agreement on weapons had been made possible by a concession by India on the number to be handed over, but the sources would give no details of that or the size of the aid package India would give the rebels.

In Colombo, an LTTE statement said one Indian soldier was killed and one wounded in a grenade attack at an Army road-block in the North.

The statement said the incident happened on Monday at Visuvamadu in Mullaitivu district. Meanwhile, Indian peace-

keeping troops cordoned off a Tamil-dominated town in eastern Sri Lanka on Thursday and began rounding up suspected Tamil rebels, area residents and diplomatic sources said.

Residents of Batticaloa, 220 kilometres east of Colombo, said Indian troops had surrounded the adjacent town of Kallady at about dawn on Thursday and had rounded up hundreds of young Tamils for questioning.

A spokeswoman for the Indian High Commission in Colombo said only that "Indian troops are continuing their search for Tamil Tiger arms and fighters."

The state-run newspaper Daily News on Thursday quoted Indian sources as saying Indian troops had captured 21 Tamil rebels on Wednesday, including four guerrilla leaders.

It said the rebels were arrested during "white flag protests" in the Northern and Eastern provinces, where Tamils predominate.

Hundreds of Tamil homes were decked with white flags on Wednesday to underscore a demand that Indian begin negotiations with the rebels.

Last July, President Junius Jayewardene signed an Indian-brokered peace accord aimed at ending the Tamils' guerrilla war.

## Zia vows to pursue N-programme

ISLAMABAD, June 17. (Reuters): President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq said on Thursday Pakistan would go ahead with its controversial nuclear programme despite outside pressures to scale back.

He told a seminar of Pakistani and foreign scientists here the programme was totally peaceful and Islamabad had no intention of making nuclear weapons, the official APP news agency reported.

Fears have often been expressed in the West and in neighbouring India that Pakistan was making nuclear weapons. Islamabad has failed to get equipment for planned nuclear power plants from prospective Western suppliers.

"I wish to state clearly and categorically that Pakistan's nuclear programme is entirely peaceful in nature, solely directed to meet our needs of socio-economic development," Zia said.

Pakistan is "determined to go ahead with this programme despite all pressures," APP quoted Zia as saying.

He said Pakistan opposed military use of nuclear energy and had no desire to acquire nuclear weapons. "We want to see South Asia free from nuclear weapons and threat of their use."

## South Korean chief justice resigns

SEOUL, June 17. (UPI): The Chief Justice of the South Korean Supreme Court resigned today after nearly 300 lower court judges demanded he step down to atone for "loss of confidence in the judiciary."

Kim Yong-Chul, the nation's highest judicial authority, announced his resignation at a news conference, saying he would take "all responsibility" for public criticism of the judiciary, which has been attacked as being subservient to the government for years.

It was the first time since South Korea became a republic in 1948 that a chief justice was forced to step down. Kim said he would formally submit his resignation later to President Roh Tae-Woo.

The swift fall of the nation's highest judicial authority in the hands of his subordinates reflected a growing boldness of junior-level officials in pressuring the bureaucracy to implement democratic reforms promised by Roh during his presidential campaign.

## Bhopal judge refuses to bow out

BHOPAL, India, June 17. (Reuters): The judge hearing the compensation case for victims of the world's worst industrial accident, at Bhopal in 1984, has rejected a defence claim that he is biased and should stand down.

In a 10-page judgement delivered yesterday, Judge M.W. Deo said no grounds for his withdrawal or the transfer of the case to another judge had been established.

He was accused of bias by lawyers acting for the Union Carbide company, owners of the Bhopal pesticides plant from which poison gas escaped in December 1984, killing 2,500 people and injuring 200,000.

The American company charged that he had been moved by the plight of the victims and had ordered interim compensation without evidence.

The government of India, acting on behalf of all claimants, has demanded \$3.3 billion compensation from the Connecticut-based multinational. Last December Deo ordered Union Carbide to pay interim relief of \$270 million.

## Afghan rebels mum over missing Soviets

PESHAWAR, June 17. (Reuters): Muslim guerrillas are keeping the Kremlin guessing over the fate of about 300 Soviet troops missing in action or taken prisoner in the Afghan war.

"We want to keep them in the dark," said a senior official in the seven-party guerrilla alliance based in this north-western Pakistani city.

"We don't want to let them know what is going on because we want to keep the KGB (Soviet intelligence) busy," said the official from the Hezb-e-Islami, a powerful guerrilla group led by hardliner Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

Military officials in Moscow listed 311 servicemen as missing in action when the Soviet Union began withdrawing more than 100,000 troops from Afghanistan last month.

Tass news agency said yesterday that the Soviet Red Cross had asked Red Cross organisations in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran and the United States for information about the whereabouts of captured soldiers.

The official Soviet news agency quoted Red Cross official Dmitry Venediktov saying only eight Soviet POWs had returned home at the beginning of 1985. Kremlin authorities have refused

to say how many Soviet prisoners of war were taken during more than eight years of fighting in Afghanistan.

Soviet officials say about a third of those missing in action have died and the rest are being held in Afghan guerrilla prison camps in Pakistan.

Pakistan, which provides sanctuary to an estimated three million Afghan refugees, has not publicly responded to the charges and government officials declined to comment.

But sources in the Pakistan Foreign Ministry said President Zia-ul-Haq had sent a message to Moscow assuring cooperation in finding the missing soldiers.

The Hezb-e-Islami official said all Soviet prisoners of war were held in rebel camps in Afghanistan and not in Pakistan.

"We have safe places in Afghanistan. We would be breaking the law if we held them in Pakistan," said the official who declined to be named or give the total number of Soviet prisoners of war.

Another guerrilla official said Moscow's figure of 311 missing in action was "not far from the truth." He also said some of those presumed dead could still be alive in Afghan guerrilla camps, but declined to give details.

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## KUWAIT ... GULF

## Sudan and Gulf bound by common destiny: Merghani

CHAIRMAN of the Sudanese Supreme Council Ahmed Al Merghani has stressed that his country and the Arab Gulf states are bound by common destiny.

In an interview with Al-Sayyid, Al Merghani said: "We are obliged with our Arab brethren in the Gulf ... Kuwait and Saudi Arabia ... We are bound by common destiny and goal."

Commenting on his country's relations with Kuwait, the Sudanese leader praised existing ties between the two countries and hoped that HH the Amir of Kuwait would visit Sudan.

On Sudan's contribution to the Algiers extraordinary Arab summit, he pointed out that Sudan has played a reconciliatory role, adding that part of the summit's final communiqué,

which condemned Iranian hostilities against Kuwait and Saudi Arabia has been taken from Sudan's address to the conference.

Hailing outcome of the summit, which he said promises fulfilment of an Arab concordance strategy, Al Merghani noted that appropriate support to the Palestinian uprising was secured.

## Affect

When asked if "Sudan's positive stance towards Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia will affect the good relations between Sudan and Iran," the Sudanese leader responded "please do not say that our relations with Iran are excellent."

Asked to comment on the

recent initiative of John Garang, leader of the rebel movement in South Sudan, he said "until now, we have not received this initiative officially," adding, we welcome such initiative on negotiations between Khartoum and the insurgents.

Commenting on relations between Khartoum and Addis Ababa, Al Merghani said they have improved lately, adding that negotiations between the two sides are under way.

The Sudanese leader expressed readiness to mediate between the Eritreans and the Ethiopians to create the appropriate atmosphere for negotiations and denied that the Eritrean resolution launches attacks against the Ethiopian Army from Sudanese territories.

## Traffic Week competition winners honoured



Al Rayes giving away a gift to one of the winners.

THE chairman of Kuwait's Road Safety Society Sabah Al Rayes recently inaugurated a ceremony to honour the winners of the photography and children's paintings competition which was held to mark the GCC Traffic Week for the year 1988.

Speaking on the occasion, Al Rayes thanked the participants of the competition and said this contribution of the participants depicted the grave concern attributed by all towards traffic problems and accidents in par-

ticular. He stated that a concentrated effort by the public in co-operation with the authorities should be exerted towards addressing this problem.

Traffic accidents, he said, caused innumerable injuries, deaths, financial losses to the public and the state not to mention the breaking of traffic rules and regulations. He called on citizens to pay more concern towards educating especially the young in following traffic rules

and regulations so as to develop a generation of road safety conscientious citizens.

Also speaking at the function, the Secretary-General Dr Nabeel Abdurrahman said the competition was aimed at enlightening children on traffic issues and called on children and the summer club members to participate in traffic competitions to be organised by the society.

Al Rayes gave away the prizes to the winners.

## Moral and financial support needed

## Sheikh Hamed hails uprising

LONDON, June 17, (KUNA): An Arab Gulf official hailed the Palestinian uprising and said it needs all the moral and financial support to enable the Palestinians restore their right of establishing their independent state on their national soil.

Information Minister of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Ahmed Bin Hamed condemned, in an interview with the London-based Arabic language magazine Al-Hawadeth to be published here today, the Israeli oppressive measures practised against the Palestinians inside the occupied Arab lands.

On the UAE's stance toward the uprising, Sheikh Hamed said UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan had affirmed his country's firm support to the Palestinian people in their just struggle to achieve their rights.

## Solution

The UAE official indicated to Sheikh Zayed's repeated calls on the United States to take a firm stance to restore the Palestinian rights in the course of its efforts to find a solution to the Palestinian cause.

Sheikh Hamed went on saying that the Arabs are expecting Washington to take this stance now for "its own interest and for the region's stability because if rights are not restored to the people, the Arab states will have no

choice other than confronting Israel."

He added that the UAE president informed the US permanent delegate to the United Nations Vernon Walters on this stance during the latter's recent visit to the UAE.

## Platform

On the Gulf war, the UAE Information Minister commented that it is "a real tragedy" that exhausts the financial and human resources of both Muslim neighbours.

He referred to that regard to the negative impacts of the Iraq-Iran war and stressed that the dangers resulting from this conflict "threaten the security and stability of the region."

Sheikh Hamed hoped that the war would come to an end and for peace to prevail in the Arab Gulf region "in order not to make the region an international battlefield and a platform of subversions and destructions."

## Overcome

He affirmed that his country calls on "brothers in Iran to resort to wisdom and spirit of Islam and respond to the United Nations and international organisations' resolutions calling for a halt to the war and for the prevalence of peace in the region."

He also expressed his hope that the Arab League and the Arab

stance towards it, Sheikh Hamed said that his country is confident that "division among the Arab nation is only a summer cloud that will vanish and there is no life for the Arab nation without solidarity and unity."

He recalled that the UAE did not stop calling on Arab leaders to unite and overcome their differences, adding that his country calls on those leaders to discuss the return of Egypt to the Arab League "to benefit from its political weight in the Arab world."

Meanwhile, the Arab Gulf official praised the Gulf Cooperation Council and noted that it is an example that should be followed by other Arab countries.

## Al Houti to visit South Korea

KUWAITI Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti will start an official visit at the end of this month to South Korea in response to an invitation by South Korean Minister of Construction Hoe Dong-Sup, it was announced yesterday.

The visit is scheduled from June 26th to July 4th. Al Houti will be accompanied by an official delegation including Undersecretary Mohamed Al-Sayid, and other senior officials.

## Efforts to solve problems of trainee physicians

THE board of Kuwait Medical Society held a meeting with a number of trainee physicians working for the public health ministry to discuss their problems and complaints. The secretary-general to the society welcomed them and said that every effort would be made to solve the problems. They were also given an assurance by society member, Dr Nabil Najm, that the matters would be discussed with the health minister and senior officials.

Dr Najm told a local daily about the complaints and difficulties of the trainee doctors, which centred on poor salaries and conditions. Before 1986, these doctors were receiving KD100 a month in the first year

and KD200 a month in the second year. After 1986, the ministry stopped appointing them as normal doctors in the third year and some of the trainees have been working for five years and their salaries are still lower than KD400 a month. Dr Najm felt that their situation was unacceptable considering that these doctors have the same duties and responsibilities as other physicians yet they do not enjoy the same financial rewards.

## PWM to recruit staff from Cairo

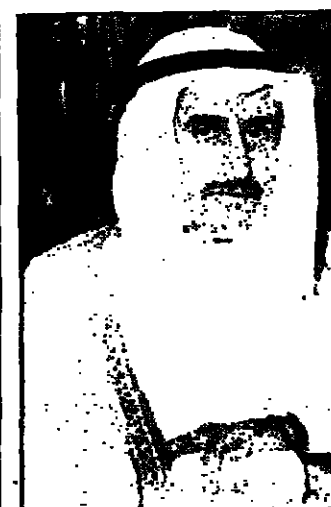
PUBLIC Works Minister Abdul Rahman Al Houti on Thursday issued an order according to which a committee will be entrusted with conducting interviews in Cairo with applicants wishing to work in the ministry.

The committee which comprises senior officials from the Ministry of Public Works, is scheduled to leave for Cairo early next month.

## Awadi returns

KUWAITI Minister of Planning Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi returned from his official visit to the United States and Canada where he met with the President and Vice President of the United States.

## Call for experiment on wheat farming



Sheikh Ibrahim

THE board chairman and director-general of Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Nahai, on Thursday announced that in response to HH the Amir's desire to encourage wheat farming in Kuwait, the authority will support an expanded experiment in this regard.

In a press conference, Al Duaij called on farmers and farm owners to start the experiment of wheat farming each according to his capacity.

Al Duaij added that despite difficulties surrounding wheat growing, satisfactory results were shown in experiments done by the authority and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Researches (KISR) last year.

The state will support farmers who would go ahead with the experiment and will provide them with supervision, fertilisers, farming, insecticides in addition to paying double price for their harvest of wheat, Al Duaij noted.

"The aim of the experiment is to encourage and expand wheat growing in Kuwait regardless of achieving self-sufficiency," the Kuwaiti official said.

## ROYAL COURT

## Amiri cable

HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the President of Iceland on the occasion of the country's National Day.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

## Call for review of US-Arab relations

AKUWATI daily yesterday called for full review of US-Arab relations and urged a buildup of Arab pressure against Washington to cease tampering with the nation's legitimate causes and rights.

Al Watan newspaper made the call in an editorial comment yesterday on Iraq's decision to call off a planned meeting in Washington between Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and US Secretary of State George Shultz.

The measure, to protest the reception held in honour of Iraqi Kurdish rebel leader Jalal Talbani at the US State Department, is a step in the right direction in dealing with the US, the paper opined. Recalling America's long list of hostility to the Arab nation, Al Watan cited Washington's recurrent use of the veto right against the Palestinian uprising, Arab rights, supply of the Iranian aggression with weapons and its overt and covert flirtation with the Tehran regime.

"The American logic," it stressed, "is neither acceptable nor permissible to pass without taking stances similar to the Iraqi measure, such stance should be developed into a regional attitude in the manner allowing a full review of all questions overshadowing Arab-American relations."

The paper advised direct pressure on the US as the only means to make Washington feel that people are demanding their rights, saying this is better than staying put and speculating who will win the presidential race, Bush or Dukakis.

## Hopes on Maghreb unity

A LOCAL weekly magazine on Thursday commended the recent meeting of Arab Maghreb leaders on the sidelines of Algiers emergency Arab summit conference.

Editorially commenting on the meeting of Moroccan, Algerian, Libyan, Tunisian and Mauritania leaders in Algiers last week, Al Nahdha hoped the gathering would represent a new impetus for regional meetings aimed at Arab unity.

The Gulf Co-operation Council will set a vital example for Arab Maghreb leaders, said the weekly.

Unity of Arab states in North Africa would boost Arab-European co-operation and give further importance to the Mediterranean region, it added.

Al Nahdha hoped the Maghreb unity would be the second Arab regional unity that sets the stage for other similar Arab attempts.

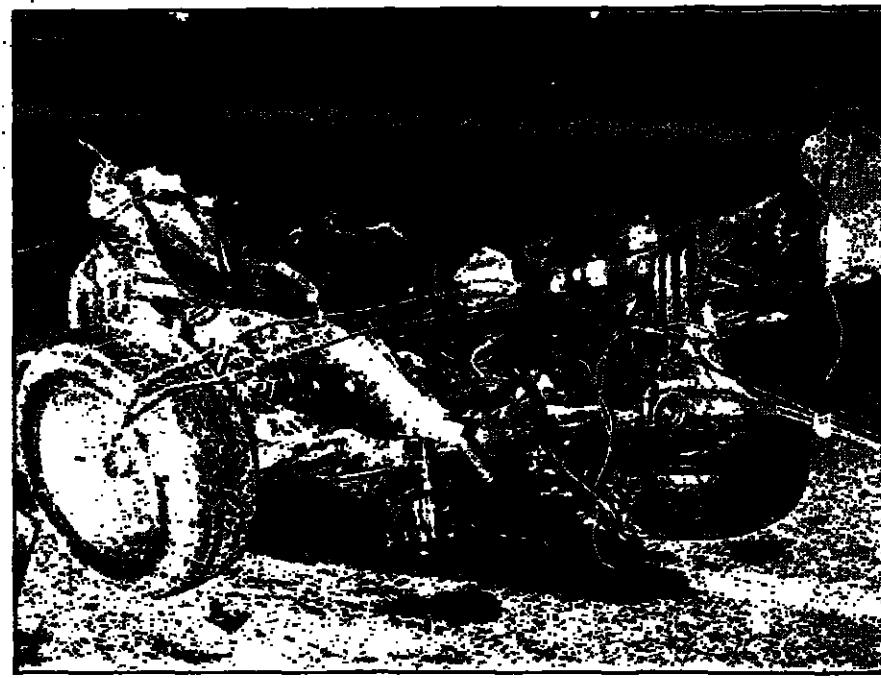
## Summer consulates

THREE Kuwaiti consuls left on Thursday to three European cities to operate interim consulates during the summer season.

The consuls are Abdullah Al-Sagoff, assigned to Malaga, Spain, Ahmad Al-Munaihi, to Madrid, and Mohamed Al-Sagoff, to Rome.

Al-Munaihi will be based in Limassol, Cyprus.

Director of the Foreign Ministry's information office Sulaiman Al-Munaihi told KUNA that these consulates will provide various services to Kuwaiti vacationists in these countries.



A car driving at a very high speed hit a lamp post at Al Ta'won St. in Salwa and broke into two. The driver who is still in a coma, and another passenger who sustained slight injuries and bruises, were admitted to the Mubarak Al Kabir hospital. The accident occurred on Wednesday night. (Photos by Mohammad Bedaq)

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# Saudis prepared to halt pro-Iranian riots

BAHRAIN, June 17, (Agencies): Saudi security forces are geared to halt any attempts by pro-Iranians to demonstrate or disrupt this year's Muslim pilgrimage to Makkah, the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) has reported.

The agency, in a report received in neighbouring Bahrain, said Saudi securitymen "are prepared, with God's help to meet any situation and with God's help no element would be able to harm the pilgrims."

Iran, accusing Saudi Arabia of banning its pilgrims, has called on Muslims visiting Islam's holiest city to demonstrate.

## Repetition

In response to the Iranian statements, the SPA said the kingdom welcomed Iranians to next month's haj (pilgrimage) but warned them against any repetition of last July's Iranian-led riots in which 402 people were killed.

Most of the victims were Iranians. The riots led to a war of words between Iran and Saudi Arabia,

which severed ties with Tehran last April and imposed a quota system of one pilgrim for every 1,000 people in any country.

Diplomats said the move was apparently designed to scale down a large Iranian presence in Makkah.

Last year Iran sent 150,000 pilgrims to the haj, which was attended by nearly two million Muslims, and said the same number should be allowed to travel to Saudi Arabia this season. Iran, which has been allowed 45,000 pilgrims, has decided to boycott haj this year.

Saudi Arabia has not barred Iranian pilgrims from the annual pilgrimage, and the "guilt" for their absence falls on the shoulders of the Iranian government, SPA said.

The kingdom said it had started construction work at the holy sites to enlarge their capacity and only a limited number could attend the haj this year.

The agency said Tehran was ruled by "sick souls" who were financing sabotage and terror-

ism in other Muslim states.

SPA also said Iran's ruling clergy were "full of hate and envy of other Muslims and of the Arab states."

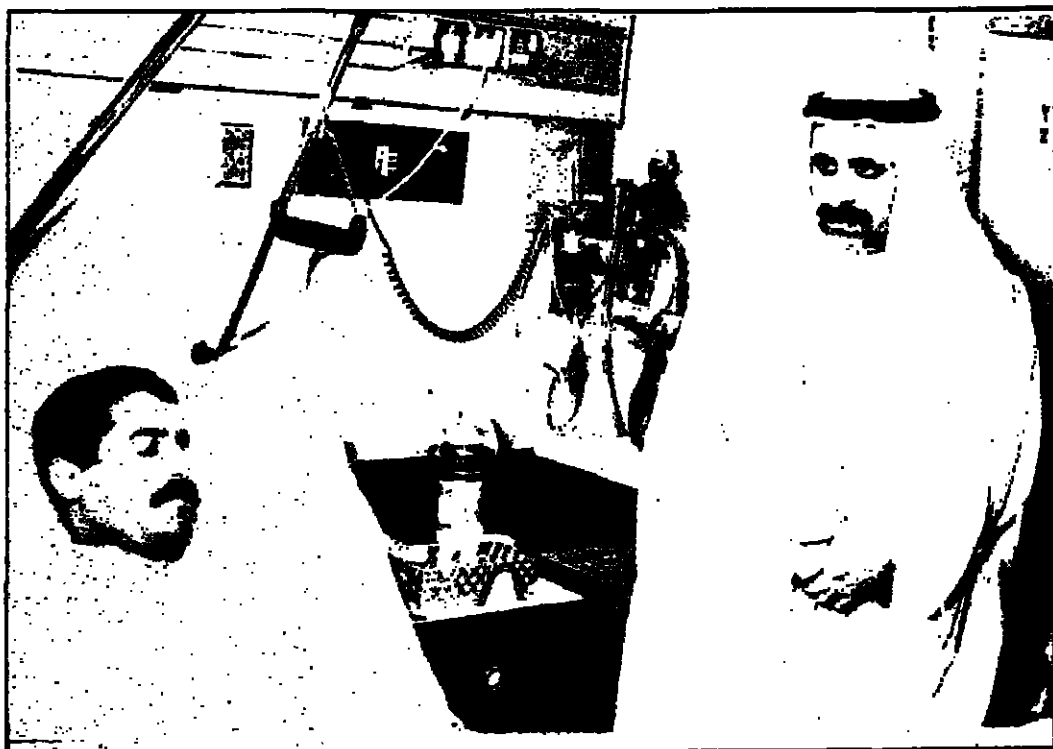
A British newspaper reported today that pro-Iranian activists were recruiting Muslim sympathisers with British passports to make the haj in order to mount "anti-Saudi demonstrations" in Makkah.

Quoting "sources close to the intelligence agencies of a number of Muslim countries" the Independent newspaper of London said the action was taken after Iran announced that it would boycott this year's pilgrimage.

## Recruits

The sources said the role of the recruits from the UK was to "smuggle leaflets into Saudi Arabia" during the haj.

The Independent reported that the leaflets would call on Muslims from all over the world to "rebel against Saudi rule over Makkah and Medina and to have them declared international cities."



Sheikh Salem Al Sabah visiting the captain at the hospital.

## Three injured Smuggler shoots at securitymen

A MAN wanted both by the Kuwaiti and Iraqi security authorities for criminal activities especially smuggling, used a Kalashnikov (AK-47) gun against security forces following him and injured three men including a captain.

The suspect was being followed by securitymen who cornered him as he entered an apartment in the Riqqai area. However, the criminal blasted away with a machine-gun and injured the three securitymen and managed to escape. The alleged criminal is said to be known as Ali Matroun, an Iraqi national married to a Kuwaiti lady.

He has been described as a professional criminal and has

been on the wanted list for a long time. Several months ago, he was surrounded at the Farwaniya hospital while visiting a patient, but somehow managed to escape. He is also alleged to be the one who raided the Mutlaa police station in a machine-gun attack.

The injured police captain who is said to be in stable and satisfactory condition was hit in the right thigh and hand. The other security man was hit in 9 places of his body, while the condition of the third has not been revealed.

The Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah visited the injured captain at the hospital on Thursday and wished him a very speedy recovery.

## Symposium on civil defence

THE director-general of the Civil Defence department Colonel Khaled Al Qaood in an interview with a local daily disclosed that the department currently suffered a shortage of qualified personnel who were well-skilled in the various arts of civil defence, at a time when warfare technologies were rapidly developing.

He continued that within the framework of its various activities, the Ministry of Interior would organise a grand symposium on civil defence next October at which local and international experts would participate. The symposium would be held through the joint operation of the governments of Kuwait and Finland. An official delegation headed by Finland's Minister of Interior would represent his country at this symposium and the symposium would be attended by a team of international experts.

## Lectures

The symposium would include a number of lectures on traditional, nuclear, chemical and biological warfare, nuclear radiation, its hazards, detection measures, and protection measures. Other lectures would deal with the subject of civil defence as an academic course, evacuation, emergency, fire-fighting, rescue operations, ambulance and other field skills. Lectures delivered by the Kuwaiti delegation would include one by Al Qaood dealing with the concept and philosophy of civil defence, and others would be delivered by members of the department tackling various civil defence tactics.

Al Qaood said the participants would represent local and international institutions, including scientific establishments, government agencies, universities, security and safety departments.

He also said representatives from the GCC countries would participate in the symposium besides a delegation from the Riyadh based Arab Centre for Security Studies and Training.

Concluding he said the symposium would last four days with six sessions daily, held both in the morning and evening.

## Report on Dhahar cave-in

THE Minister of State for Housing Affairs, Nasser Al Roudhan, has been quoted as saying that the report concerning the subsidence which occurred at Al Dhahar recently will be published soon.

He told a local daily that the report, which was prepared by a committee representing Kuwait Municipality, Kuwait University, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, government research stations and Kuwaiti Oil Company in co-operation with a foreign consulting bureau, would highlight the dimensions of the problem, its reasons and how it could be handled.

The minister declined to give any details of the said report, stating that the matter falls within the committee's responsibilities.

## Lecture on climate

MAHMOUD SAFAR, head of auditing and climatic statistics at the department of meteorology, has said that the dust-storms which occur frequently in Kuwait impede the movement of air, land and marine transport. In a lecture on climate at the Science Club, Safar said that the dust-storms mostly coincided with westerly winds, referring to statistics at the department of meteorology which state that about 80 per cent of the dust-storms came from the north-western sector, 10 per cent from the south-western sector and 4 per cent from the north-east. He said that although total control of this phenomenon was impossible, its effects could be alleviated by stabilising sand dunes, setting up green belts and the development of afforested areas.

Going to the matter of high temperatures in Kuwait, Safar suggested that outdoor workshops should be closed at noon during the hottest months of July and August, when temperatures were generally in excess of 45 degrees Centigrade.

## Four years for possessing opium

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced two men charged with possession of 47 grams of opium to four years in jail. The court acquitted a third suspect for lack of evidence and suspended a four-year jail sentence against a fourth taking into account his young age and his previous clean record.

## Murphy in Saudi Arabia for talks on Mideast

JEDDAH, June 17, (Agencies): US envoy Richard Murphy is in Saudi Arabia at the start of an eight-nation Gulf trip to discuss the Iraq-Iran war and the Arab-Israeli conflict, diplomatic sources said today.

Murphy landed in this Saudi summer capital late yesterday and will begin official meetings tomorrow, said the sources who wished to remain anonymous.

He was expected to meet King Fahd and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal.

After Saudi Arabia, he planned to visit the five other GCC members as well as Iraq and North Yemen, the diplomatic sources said.

As Murphy began his trip, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat flew to Baghdad, Iraq, in what diplomatic sources described as

the beginning of a Gulf tour. Saudi official sources have said the focus of the US envoy's deliberations will be the latest US plan for a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

**Warned**  
Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak warned Arab states in an interview published in Tunis today, against rejecting a US Middle East peace plan.

Commenting on the peace plan promoted by US Secretary of State George Shultz in four Middle East tours this year, he said it had "several positive points."

"It is up to us (Arabs) to adopt these points and to have the negative points re-worked in the interests of our cause," he told the Tunisian ruling party daily Al Hurriya (freedom).

## Ministry exerting all efforts for best telephone services

THE Assistant Undersecretary for Technical Affairs at the Ministry of Communication Sulaiman Al Roumi in an interview with Al Seyassah stated that the ministry is exerting all efforts to ensure the best telephone services to the subscribers.

Al Roumi disclosed the ministry would be circulating the Videotex service to most subscribers which would provide a vast data base through the telephone. The telephone system, he added, did not affect the automobile telephones as each system worked through a specific

network independently. He said the ministry would be establishing new telephone exchanges in the areas of Al Qurain and West Fintas in addition to expanding the current facilities.

Replying to questions, the minister said that every effort was being made to achieve the goals laid down in the five year plan for telephone services. On cross-connections, he disclosed that the ministry had set up a technical plan at eradicating this problem. The plan is to be implemented in different stages and would cost about KD50 million.

## Gulf media pool to be ended

WASHINGTON, June 17, (Reuters): The Defence Department said on Thursday it will end a year-old Gulf media pool on July 1 but will continue to allow reporters on US Navy ships in the waterway by individual request.

Plans are being made for a stand-by contingency pool of American reporters in the region to be deployed quickly on ships if trouble occurs in the Gulf, the department said.

It said the current regular pool could be reactivated if events warranted.

Since mid-1987, when the US military presence grew sharply in the Gulf, the department has sponsored an ongoing, revolving pool of American reporters from news agencies, television networks, newspapers and other organisations to provide reports from Navy ships in the Gulf.

But a recent hull reaction from the Iran-Iraq war in the waterway itself has reduced media interest in the current constant pool situation, defence officials said.

The department said in a statement it was "committed to keeping the American people informed about the activities of military personnel serving in the Gulf."

"Over the past year, this goal has been achieved through the regional media pool. The time has come to make this change. The option of reactivating the regional pool will be retained."

## Oman supports Indonesia's bid to host non-aligned summit

JAKARTA, June 17, (AP): Oman fully supports Indonesia in its bid to host the 1989 non-aligned summit, Omani Foreign Minister Yusuf Bin Alawi Bin Abdullah said yesterday.

As one of the founding nations of the Non-aligned Movement, there is no doubt about Indonesia's capability in hosting the meeting, Alawi told reporters upon his arrival for a four-day visit to Indonesia.

"We will support the role

which will be played by Indonesia," he said. "We will be happy if Indonesia's bid will be met."

The host of the next non-aligned summit will be decided during a meeting of foreign ministers of the movement scheduled for Cyprus in September.

Nicaragua and Indonesia are vying to host the summit.

During his stay in Jakarta, Alawi was scheduled to meet Indonesian officials including Foreign Minister Ali Alatas and President Suharto to discuss problems ranging from Muslim relations to efforts toward world peace.

## Prince Abdullah leaves for Dublin

LONDON, June 17, (KUNA): Oman Arabi Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz left London this morning for Dublin at the conclusion of his four-day official visit to Britain.

During his stay Prince Abdullah held talks with British leaders covering the successful outcome of the Algiers Arab summit, the Palestinian uprising and bilateral relations. A number of Omani officials also met with British counterparts to discuss the settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute and the Gulf war were also on top of the agenda.

The Saudi crown prince's visit was pronounced a great success today by British officials who indicated that it has helped to boost the already close links between the two countries.

The special welcome accorded to Prince Abdullah by the British government was an expression of London's desire to develop ties in all fields with the kingdom, which is a major trading partner with the UK.

## Co-operation in criminal evidence

TUNIS, June 17, (KUNA): A senior official at the Kuwait Interior Ministry has said that the second Arab conference for Heads of Criminal Evidence Departments has adopted a number of recommendations of further enhancing co-operation between member countries in the field of combating crime.

In an interview with KUNA here today, assistant director of criminal evidence and director of criminal laboratories at the Kuwaiti Interior Ministry Colonel Saud Al Bargees said the conferees agreed to co-operate on providing the specialised office of the criminal police at the general secretariat of Arab Interior Ministers' Council with necessary information.

## Atomic energy meeting ends

TUNIS, June 17, (KUNA): The 3rd meeting of the executive council of the Arab Atomic Energy Organisation yesterday concluded its deliberations which started last Tuesday.

Informed sources at the meeting told KUNA that the participants agreed on convening the next general conference in Tunis on August 17 at a ministerial level from Arab member states, inviting other states which are not members in the organisation to attend as observers.

Tunisia's call for stationing the organisation in its lands, was also approved by the meeting.

The conferees also discussed the peaceful use of atomic energy, Arab stances in the International Atomic Energy Agency and Israel's atomic building up capability, the sources added.

The executive council of the Arab Atomic Energy Organisation comprises Kuwait, Libya, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Palestine and Sudan.

## 5 years for embezzling KD 92,000

THE Criminal Court has sentenced an employee at a private company to five years imprisonment to be followed by deportation, charged with embezzling KD 92,000 from the company over a period of four years. He was also ordered to return the amount and was fined the same amount. The court also sentenced his mother to three years in prison and subsequent deportation for her part in the crime. She was ordered to repay the KD 11,000 she had received and was fined the same amount again.

The court heard that the defendant, whilst working as a salesman in the company, had been pocketing money collected from purchasers and fellow salesmen instead of handing it to the cashier and had destroyed copies of paid bills in order to conceal his crime, which was finally detected by the cashier.

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GOD bears with the wicked, but not forever — Miguel de Cervantes, Spanish writer (1547-1616).

## Encircled by South Africa

### Lesotho survives the hard way

By John Morrison

MASERU. (Reuters): North, south, east, west. Whichever way the Basotho look down from their mountain tops, they have only one neighbour — South Africa.

This face of geography has shaped Lesotho's fate since King Moshoeshoe I led his people up into the highlands in the 1820s, saving them from conquest by the advancing Boers.

South Africa and Lesotho have got to learn to live together because we are completely surrounded," Colonel Sekhobe Letseie, a member of the six-man military council, said in an interview.

Since the council, headed by General Justin Lekhanya, overthrew Prime Minister Leabua Jonathan on Jan 20, 1986, Lesotho has swung closer to its all-powerful neighbour.

Pretoria's Deputy Foreign Minister Neil van Heerden came to Lesotho's capital Maseru at the end of May to celebrate South Africa's Republic Day, and was presented with a woven wall-hanging by Lekhanya.

South Africa's trade commissioner Ghemus J.J. Geldenhuys said in an interview that soldiers of the South African defence force were building a military hospital just outside the capital.

#### Cooperation

"There is very good co-operation between security forces on both sides of the border," he said.

The new cross-border cordiality has replaced the confrontation of the Jonathan years, when South African troops regularly raided Maseru in search of African National Congress (ANC) members.

In one such attack in 1982, 42 people were killed.

The ANC, banned by South Africa since 1960, is the main black nationalist movement fighting to topple South Africa's white minority-led government.

The downfall of Jonathan was directly triggered by a South African border blockade which cut Lesotho's land links to the outside world.

Jonathan, who flirted with communist countries such as North Korea and gave strong support for the exiled ANC, paid the price of a battle he could not win.

His military successors lost no time in chasing out members of the ANC. South Africa's key demand, and restoring close links with Pretoria.

Charles Mofeli, a politician opposed both to Jonathan and the military, says the first rule of politics in Lesotho is "be careful with the South Africans. They

can eliminate you at any moment."

But the military, while observing this rule, have no desire to be seen merely as South African stooges, to be mentioned in the same breath as the rulers of Pretoria's nominally independent homelands such as nearby Transkei.

"I don't think it would be wise to put all the eggs in one basket," Letseie told Reuters.

He said Lesotho still welcomed a constant stream of South African political refugees, who were free to stay, with the exception of ANC combatants.

"It should be clear that Lesotho is an independent state and Lesotho is not prepared to take any instructions from any country, regardless of how small we are," he explained.

The growing South African presence, symbolised by the big South African defence force trucks that thunder through central Maseru with building materials for the hospital, is far from being universally popular.

#### Train

Just outside Maseru, the racecourse doubles as a firing range for the Army. Watching two British military instructors at pistol practice, I was asked by six Basotho boys aged about 10 if the two white officers were South African "Maburu" (Boers).

"If South Africans were to train our Army we would not be happy," one said.

But national pride of this sort is little comfort to the Basotho as they wrap themselves tightly in their brightly coloured blankets against the cold winter air.

A neglected British protectorate for almost a century until independence in 1966, Lesotho suffers from chronic underdevelopment.

The South African-owned shops in the capital are bursting with consumer goods, but the abundance is deceptive.

Imports outweigh exports by ten to one, with the balance made up by the remittances of the 120,000 Basotho men who toil underground in South Africa's mines.

#### Aid

Lesotho also benefits from the share-out of the joint pool of customs revenue it shares with South Africa, Swaziland and Botswana.

Unlike these two countries, also in the shadow of South Africa, Lesotho has virtually no mineral and agricultural wealth.

Its treeless mountains are bare and overgrazed, its fields carved by the gullies of soil erosion, and it depends more and more on foreign food aid to keep its 1.6 million people alive.

Of his aged mother, a White House spokesman said.

Although Baker cited "personal reasons" in his letter of resignation, however, the Reagan administration is in its twilight phase and there is widespread anticipation around Washington that more and more key officials will be signing out.

A source close to Baker, a 62-year-old former Senate Republican leader, told Reuters long ago that Baker would probably resign in mid-1988 "because after that there won't be much to do — Reagan will be a caretaker president."

Baker's resignation after 16 months as Reagan's top aide came as the president basked in the afterglow of his Moscow summit with Mikhail Gorbachev and prepared for the annual economic summit of Western industrial democracies, which opens in Toronto next Sunday.

"It was for personal reasons," Reagan told reporters. "There were no disagreements. He served excellently and well."

Even so, the exodus of high-ranking White House officials was expected to continue with the departure soon of communications director Tom Griscom, a Baker protégé.

While Griscom has not yet set an exit date, administration sources said he planned to join a Tennessee insurance firm in the near future.

## Baker's departure

### Reagan has become a political caretaker

By Gene Gibbons

WASHINGTON. (Reuters): Howard Baker's sudden resignation as White House chief of staff will reinforce perceptions that President Reagan has become largely a political caretaker in his waning months in office.

The 77-year-old president was at pains to deny that very perception on Tuesday within minutes of the surprise announcement that Baker was leaving effective July 1.

"No, that (resignation) means that a little change has occurred," Reagan told reporters who asked if Baker's resignation meant the beginning of the end of his presidency, which ends upon completion of his second term next Jan 20.

#### Worries

Reagan aides said Kenneth Duberstein, the official named to succeed Baker, was already handling much basic White House staff direction work during the last year because Baker himself has been distracted by family illness.

Baker's wife, Joy, is a recovering alcoholic who has suffered from back problems in recent years, and he returned to his home state of Tennessee to be with her nearly every weekend since he became chief of staff in February 1987.

Adding to Baker's worries was the recent admission to hospital

By Raja Asghar

ISLAMABAD. (Reuters): President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq's decision to make the Islamic legal code of sharia the supreme source of Pakistan's laws has confounded his opponents.

The decree, issued on Wednesday, caught the opposition by surprise at a time when they were trying to mend political fences in the run up to general elections promised by the end of August.

They fear the ordinance's requirement that all existing and future laws conform to sharia, coupled with Zia's vow to do more to press Islamisation, could jeopardise the election.

#### Hasty

Opposition sources say he could use the campaign as a means of postponing the election, as he did after taking power in 1977, or of holding restricted polls that would provide results more to his liking.

Some newspapers have also

been critical.

Commenting in an editorial, the Peshawar Frontier Post said: "The hasty promulgation of the ordinance in a purely transitional phase of government may win the president goodwill and political support from a section of the population."

"But it looks destined to cause an extraordinary stir in the whole system and even paralyse a part of its functioning and divide a lot of people. This is not likely to do much good to the country or even to the cause of Islamisation."

#### Fear

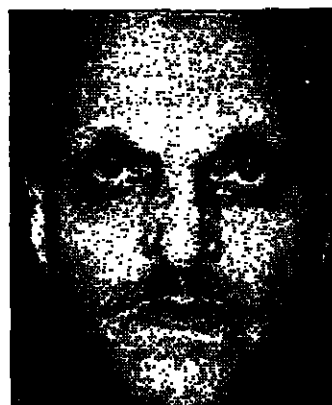
The ordinance empowers high courts in Pakistan's four provinces to strike down laws if found contrary to sharia.

Hitherto, only a federal sharia court could rule on laws considered repugnant to the Islamic code. Fiscal laws were immune from such scrutiny.

Zia said the decree would not affect the personal lives of non-

## Decree caught opposition by surprise

# Imposition of sharia may jeopardise elections



Zia-ul-Haq

Muslims, who comprise about four per cent of Pakistan's population of more than 100 million.

Questions have been raised about how the decree will affect women, whether they can appear on television, campaign openly in elections or even head a government, which could affect Benazir Bhutto, daughter of executed former Prime Minister



Benazir Bhutto

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and leader of the opposition Pakistan People's Party.

Women activists fear that prevailing family laws aimed at protecting them in such matters as divorce or a husband's second marriage may be scrapped.

Zia issued the decree just 18 days after he dismissed Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Jun-

jo and dissolved the national and four provincial assemblies. He ordered new elections within 90 days.

No date has been set for the elections and it is not clear whether all political parties will be permitted to contest.

An existing law enforced by Zia when he ruled under martial law bars from elections parties not registered with the government's election commission.

Benazir's party and eight others in the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy have refused to apply for registration.

#### Harsh

The supreme court has yet to announce its decision on a petition by Benazir challenging the registration law, which requires parties to follow Pakistan's Islamic ideology and not to criticise the military and judiciary.

Zia had earlier used his martial law authority to decree harsh Islamic punishments such as stoning adulterers to death,

chopping of thieves' hands and flogging for drinking alcohol.

He also introduced Islamic interest-free banking.

Religious fundamentalists, his allies in the Islamisation campaign, wanted much more but this he found difficult to do after restoring parliament in 1985 and later that year lifting martial law.

The overwhelming majority of Junejo's Pakistan Muslim League had already subdued the fundamentalist Jamaat-i-Islami Party, who were a small minority in the parliament, and the previous round of Islamic laws was less than a great success.

Many commentators felt after the poor showing by the Jamaat-i-Islami in the 1985 election that the campaign had petered out.

None of the political leadership has welcomed the sharia decree but analysts said Zia apparently aimed at winning over orthodox Muslims, especially the mullahs, to supplement his continuing grip over the armed forces.

## Palestinians, Israelis trapped in psychological conflict

By Allyn Fisher

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM. (AP): Israelis poured out guilt feelings about being occupiers and Palestinians spoke of the pain of their 6-month-old uprising at an unusual joint seminar of social scientists in this disputed city.

About 400 left-wing Israelis and several dozen Arabs attended the day-long conference Tuesday aimed at discussing ways to minimise the psychological damages of the violence.

Many voiced concern that the prolonged conflict, which dates to early in the century when the British ruled Palestine, caused children to grow up in hatred, distancing prospects for a settlement.

"We Israelis and Palestinians both feel trapped in this conflict. If we don't master our emotions, they will master us," said Ben Sabella, a Palestinian sociologist, drawing loud applause.

"Each society, the Israeli and the Palestinian, feels a need to politicise their children. We socialise our children into the conflict. It is a central element in their willingness to continue it," said Sabella, who teaches at Bethlehem University.

But Sabella said the Palestinians had no choice but to stage the uprising following 21 years of Israeli military rule.

"We are suffering from the intifadeh," Sabella said, using the Arabic term for uprising. "It is a trip, not a happy trip, but a trip we have been forced to take."

Since the rebellion began in December, more than 200 Palestinians have been killed. Two Israelis have also died.

The conference was held at a hotel in primarily occupied west Jerusalem because no institution could be found to sponsor the meeting.

The Israelis who took part were not typical of the population, which polls show is becoming more hawkish toward the Arabs. Most at the session were critical of their country's treatment of Arabs.

#### Persecution

Psychoanalyst Joachim Stein said Israeli Jews were largely denying the violence was a crisis point for rationalising tough tactics against Arabs as a necessary defence against threats to their security.

He said that centuries of persecution and the more recent experience of being surrounded by Arab countries had made Jews accustomed to feeling like victims.

"There is a complex here where the conqueror always feels he is conquered," Stein said. "We continue to be victims even though others are the victims. How do we emerge out of this vicious cycle?"

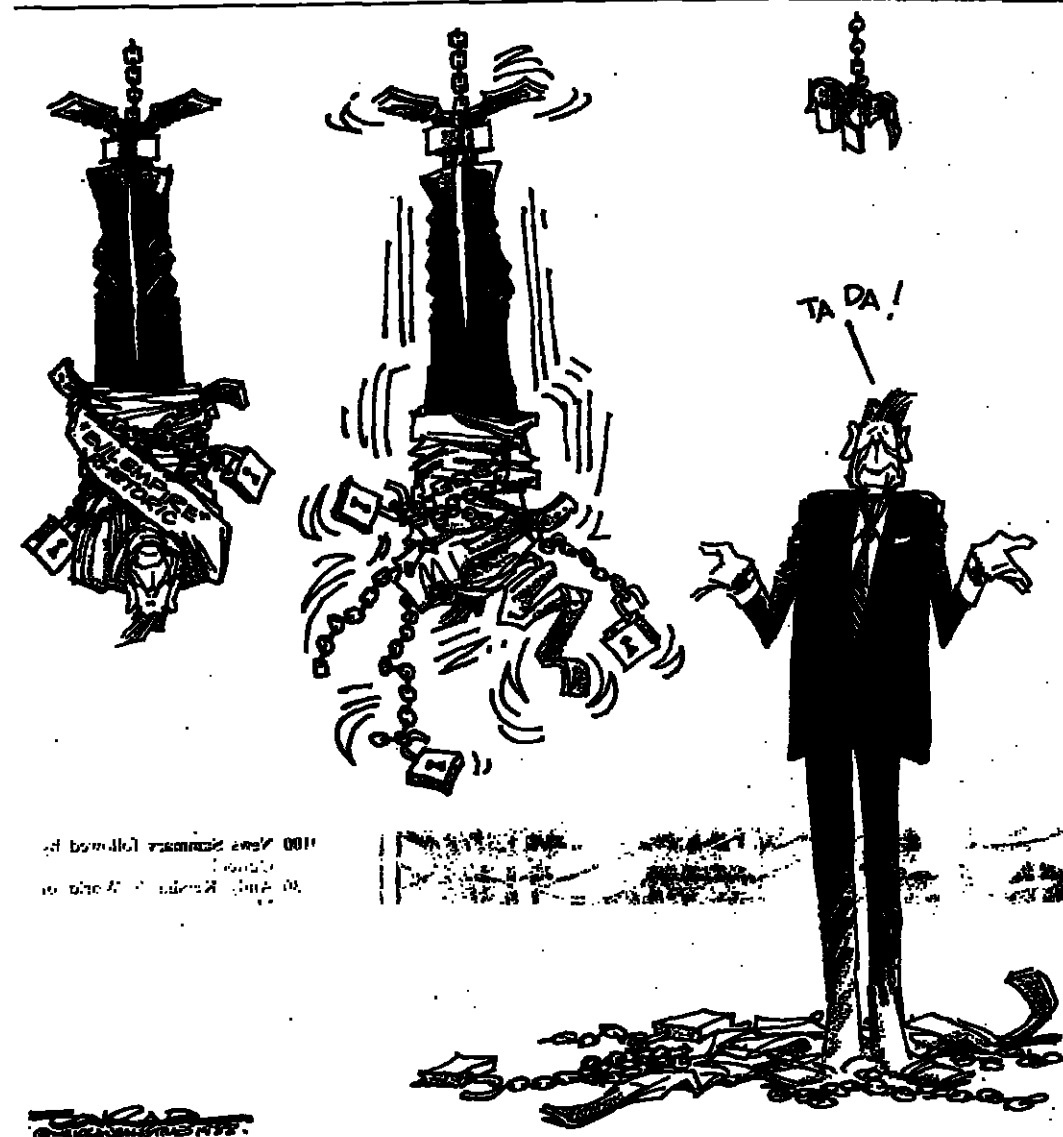
About 20 Israeli psychologists also debated the question in a heated two-hour encounter group. One of the topics was a string of forest fires blamed on Palestinians that have razed more than 25,000 acres of trees and pastures.

Pedro Rothman, a teacher, said that because of the fires it was difficult for him to educate his pupils to sympathise with the Arabs.

#### Trouble

"As much as I identify with the Palestinian problem, I get up every morning and I see that they are burning down forests and it really hurts," he said. "I was taught to think of trees as being like human beings. When you burn down a forest, you are burning down human beings. When you burn down a forest, you are burning down human beings. When you burn down a forest, you are burning down human beings."

The Army has apologised for the incident.



## Oil glut makes Japan bolder in relations with Israel

By Jennie Kantyka

TOKYO. (Reuters): Encouraged by decreasing dependence on oil supplies from Arab countries, Japan is becoming bolder in its economic and political relationships with Israel, oil and diplomatic sources said.

Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno will visit Israel this month, the first official visit to Israel by a Japanese cabinet minister.

And bilateral trade, though still small, is expected to hit \$1.2 billion this year, and Israel's exports to Japan increased 84 per cent in the first three months of this year compared with a year earlier, Israeli officials said.

"Relations (with Israel) are

gradually expanding," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Thursday.

Japan has had diplomatic relations with Israel since 1952, but its official contacts have been cautious because of dependence on oil from Arab countries and the Arab economic boycott of companies doing business there.

#### Concern

But now there is a worldwide oil surplus and Japan has cut its dependence on Arab oil to less than 60 per cent of its daily imports of more than three million barrels from 75 per cent at the time of the oil crisis in 1983.

"Under the current conditions of an oil glut, there's much less

concern about supplies from the Arab countries," one Japanese oil refiner said.

Meanwhile, pressure, particularly from the United States, has been building on Japan to assume more responsibility in world peace-keeping efforts commensurate with its economic weight in the world, Western diplomatic sources said.

Uno will visit Syria, Jordan, Egypt and Israel from June 22 to 27 to discuss the Middle East with leaders of those countries.

Uno said in a statement last month that Japan was deeply interested in progress towards peace in the Middle East and added, "Japan is resolved to have dialogues positively with the countries concerned."

"It's the first stage of frank exchange with leaders of countries directly concerned with peace in the Middle East and the first occasion for Japan to express its concern," a Foreign Ministry official told Reuters.

#### Problems

"But Japan is a bit of a loser to know how it can get involved," said one Western diplomat. "First it has to learn about the complexities of the region."

"The problems of the Middle East are so intractable that Japan would be ill-advised to go charging in with pre-conceived solutions to problems that have baffled others for many years."

Other political analysts said relations with Israel were an exceptionally touchy subject for Japan and it has always relegated its own role to that of a passive supporter of the United Nations' resolutions on the Palestinian problem.

The UN resolutions state that peace in the Middle East should be achieved by the withdrawal of Israeli troops from all the territories it occupied in the 1967 war, and the recognition of the right to self-determination of the Palestinian people, including the right to establish an independent state, and at the same time Israel's right of existence.

By Bernd Debusmann

MEXICO CITY. (Reuters): Latin America's three last military strongmen are openly defying the United States, once a power that could make or break Latin governments with ease.

Washington takes credit for having encouraged the democratic wave which has swept Latin America since 1979, when Ecuador became the first of 10 countries to switch from military rule to democracy.

But the United States has been unable to drive from power Latin America's remaining generals: Panama's Manuel Antonio Noriega, Chile's Augusto Pinochet, and Paraguay's Alfredo Stroessner.

"The dictators are thumbing their noses at Washington as if to show that the days of the big stick are over," said a Latin diplomat, referring to the late President Theodore Roosevelt's remark that US policymakers should "walk softly and carry a big stick."

These days, the Americans tend to walk noisily but carry a small stick, say critics of the Reagan administration. During more than seven years of Ronald Reagan's presidency, US prestige in Latin America has declined markedly.

#### Tied

Panama is a case in point, analysts say. Few countries have been tied to the United States as closely as Panama, where more than 10,000 US troops are stationed along the banks of the strategic US-run Panama Canal.

US influence is evident from McDonalds hamburger restaurants to television soap operas. Through much of its history, Panama was run from the US embassy as much as from the presidential palace.

But for all its close ties and long dominance, the United States has been powerless to dislodge Noriega, a 50-year-old career officer who was treated as a trusted ally before Washington began siding with his domestic opponents a year ago.

Since then, Noriega has



Augusto Pinochet

weathered figurehead President Eric Arturo Delvalle's attempt to unseat him as armed forces chief — which ended with the ousting of Delvalle. A few weeks later, Noriega survived a coup attempt and crushed his Army opponents. Diplomats say both efforts had US encouragement.

#### Wrecked

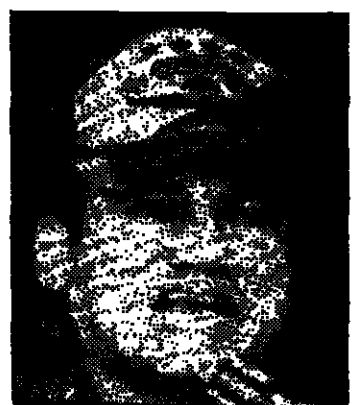
A US-engineered cash crisis wrecked the service-based Panamanian economy but neither that nor a cut-off of US aid budged the defiant general. Noriega also shrugged off a US indictment on charges of having turned Panama into a conduit for Colombian cocaine.

And Noriega made a mockery of statements by senior Washington officials such as Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams who in March reported that the general was hanging on "by his fingertips."

Washington's efforts to pressure Pinochet and Stroessner into giving way to democracy have been less noisy than the Panama campaign but equally unsuccessful.

The United States welcomed the 1973 military coup which brought Pinochet to power in Chile. Washington long regarded Paraguay's Stroessner as a staunch and reliable ally in its international crusade against communism.

US support for right-wing military rulers waned over the last decade or so and by 1985, the Reagan administration pro-



Manuel Noriega

claimed that Paraguay and Chile must follow their neighbours in adopting democratic rule.

"The answer, then and now, is 'no,'" said a Latin American ambassador in the Paraguayan capital, Asuncion, recently. "And it is 'no' because neither Stroessner nor Pinochet believe their survival depends on good relations with the US."

Paraguay looks toward its giant neighbour, Brazil, for trade, aid and co-operation on such projects as the huge Itaipu dam. Chile receives no US aid and does not depend on trade or co-operation with the United States.

As a consequence, the United States has suffered rude treatment from both countries.

#### Infuriated

A telling piece of evidence of Paraguay's disdain for the mighty power to the north sits on a sideboard in the office of US Ambassador Clyde Taylor: A tear gas grenade in a glass display case. Wedged behind the grenade is a Christmas card.

Taylor, who arrived in Asuncion in November 1985, and quickly incurred the wrath of the Stroessner government by meeting opposition leaders, criticising human rights abuses and frequently calling for a transition to democracy.

In Chile, US Ambassador Harry Barnes took up his post that same month and infuriated his host government for much the same reasons.

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## TV CORNER

## SUNDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 The Care Bear Cartoons  
6.30 Danger Bay: "Eye of the Storm" A boy seeks refuge in Robert's house. Nicole helps him reunite with his family.  
7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Islam.  
7.36 The Wacky World of Sports: a half-hour show of unusual sports.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Flying Doctors: "Departure." A nurse wants to leave her job for further studies; but she is persuaded by the doctors to continue her work in the desert.  
9.30 Together We Stand: "Mother Can You Spare Me a Dime." Larry raises a loan.  
10.00 Hillary's World of Adventure: Tonight's episode is about a daring adventure to cross a waterfall in Australia; rodeo contests are also featured.  
11.20 Best Seller: "Jacqueline Kennedy."  
12.40 News Summary  
12.45 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## MONDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Wildlife: "Strangers in the Night" Cartoons.



A stranger seems to change Maddy's life, in Moonlighting, Tuesday.

## This week on KTV 2

- 6.30 Scuba World: a trip to the Gulf of Mexico — and a look at diving.  
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world and local events.  
7.30 Mr. Belvedere: "Deportation." Part II. Mr. Belvedere has been arrested for staying illegally in the US. Will he be deported or find a way out? Starring: Christopher Hewett.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Murder, She Wrote: "Curse of the D." One morning, Alice finds Richard has locked himself in the library. She gets help, and they break open the door. Inside the room, they find Richard's body. A rugby pendant is missing. Starring: Angela Lansbury.  
9.30 National Geographic: "Realm of the Alligator." A look at alligators inhabiting the swamps of western Florida.  
10.30 Pokerface: Crawley is recognised; his cover blown, he is at the end of this tether.

## TUESDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran  
6.15 Pole Position: Cartoons  
6.30 Punky Brewster: "Changes." Part 4. Punky is adopted by a rich family, who give her everything she ever wanted. But she is still unhappy. Starring: Soleil Moon-Fry.  
7.00 The Natural World: "The Vanishing Earth." A look at agrarian problems.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Moonlighting: Maddy meets an exciting young man on the train and, perhaps, falls in love? Starring: Cybill Shepherd and Bruce Willis.  
9.30 Gimme a Break: More comedy with Neil Carter.  
10.00 Twilight Zone: "The World Next Door." An inventor discovers a new world — in his lab.  
10.30 Made for TV Movie: "Foxfire Light."  
12.30 News Summary  
12.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Note: European Championship Semifinals may be shown tonight.

## WEDNESDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran  
6.15 Rainbow Brits: Cartoons  
6.30 Times of the World: "Asiatic Melody." A look at music in the Far East.  
7.30 Growing Pains: "The Awful Truth." The children learn that their parents have divorced.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Back James: "Top Secret." Dr. James tries to save the life of an army pilot and gets into trouble with the army.  
9.30 Wildlife on One: "Odd



A woman is in hot pursuit of Sledge Hammer, Wednesday, 10 pm.

- Notes of Borneo."  
10.00 Sledge Hammer: "Wild about Hammer." A policewoman falls in love with Hammer.  
11.00 Private Eye: "Both Sides of ...". Jack is hired to solve a case of blackmail.  
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## THURSDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 She Ra: cartoons  
6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: a 30 minute show of young viewers. Today, Toby Taylor's story.  
7.00 P.M. Magazine: "Celebrity Profiles." A one-hour variety show.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 TV Bloopers and Practical Jokes  
9.05 Spenser for Hire: Robert Ulrich plays Spenser, a private eye, who helps people sort out their troubles.  
10.00 The Bill Cosby Show: Huxtable plans to buy a new car and hopes to get credit.  
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Baffled." 1972. Starring: Leonard Nimoy, Susan Hampshire, Vera Miles, Rachel Roberts. Contrived but enjoyable race-against-time thriller.

er by Theodore Apstein. Nimoy is an American race driver whose visions convince an ESP expert (Susan Hampshire) that people in vision are in danger. 90 minutes.

## FRIDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Transformers: cartoons  
6.30 Out of this World: Playing With ... "Evie learns how to freeze time ... and practices her skill."  
7.00 Disney's Sunday Movie: "Young Again."  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Beauty and the Beast: "Shares of Grey." Vincent and his father are in grave danger — and are missing. Will Catherine find them in time to help them? Starring: Linda Permet.  
9.30 227: "Father's Day." Calvin's father pays a visit ...  
10.00 Guinness Book of World Record  
10.30 A Wiseguy: "The Blood Dance." A Latin American plots a coup in his country and asks Neil for a loan. Meanwhile, Vinnie and Neil are at odds. Starring: Ken Wahl.  
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Good Morning  
9.30 Rahlat Haul Al Alam: cartoon serial  
10.15 Shaqqa Bidoun Saqat: last episode, featuring Tahya Karioka. Dalal Abdul Aziz, Raja Al Jadawi.  
11.15 Ila Abu Wa Ammi Ma'a Tahya: (To Mother and Father, With Regards): last episode. Starring: Khalid Al Nafisi, Hayat Al Fahd, Ismahani Tawfiq.  
12.15 Alf Ba' Al Matbakh: a programme on Arabic cooking.  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 World News via Satellite  
2.00 Songs and Music  
2.35 Bahloul: Arabic serial, starring Fadiya Khatib, Assam Sulaiman, Salah Qassas. Social drama.  
3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoons  
4.20 Hikayat Al Ayyam Al Asebah: part 3. Starring: Khalil Shawki, Yusuf Al Aani, Saad Abdullah.  
7.00 Noor Al Islam: prepared and presented by Ahmad Abdul Qadir  
7.20 Nazrat Alal Alam  
8.00 Security and Citizens  
8.30 Souk Al Ghaz: daily Arabic serial, starring Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Yusra, Yusuf Shaban.



A neighbour detects Alf's presence in tonight's episode, KTV 2.

- 10.50 Al Liqa Al Thani: weekly Arabic serial, starring Basi, Mahmoud Yassin, Mohammad Khairi.  
11.45 News Summary  
11.50 World News via Satellite  
12.25 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

- 4.00 Opening  
4.30 Football — Soviet Union v/s England  
7.00 Animals in Action: "Armour." A look at wild armadillo and other animals which have natural armours.  
7.30 Alf: a neighbour sees Alf and informs a local TV network.

- Will they believe her?  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Blue Knight: "The Pink Dragon." A lawyer helps Morgan to arrest a criminal.  
9.30 Smithsonian World: "Filling in the Blanks." A look at restoration of art objects.  
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Gunfight at Black Horse Canyon." Western.  
12.00 News in Brief  
12.05 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## BBC World Services

- 0600 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Radio Newsworld  
30 Personal View  
45 Recording of the Week  
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook  
30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music  
45 Nature Notebook  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Network UK (ex 25th Sports-World)  
30 People and Politics  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The World Today  
30 Europe's World

- 45 Business Matters  
0400 Newsdesk  
30 Here's Humph! (ex 11th)  
45 Reflections  
50 Financial News  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Personal View  
45 The World Today  
0600 Newsdesk  
0630 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 The World Today  
30 Europe's World  
45 Nature Notebook  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Network UK (ex 25th Sports-World)  
30 People and Politics  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The World Today  
30 Europe's World

- Trooping the Colour  
15 Letter from America (ex 11th)  
30 People and Politics (ex 11th)  
45 Trooping the Colour (ex 11th)  
1100 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 4th and 15th Sportsworld, 11th and 25th The A-Z of Hollywood  
30 Meridian  
ALL TIMES GMT

## Urdu

- 1900 Opening  
1910 Behereen Qaul  
1916 Programme Preview  
1920 Songs  
1935 Press Report  
1940 Jaizah  
2000 News  
2020 Songs  
2040 Dhanak  
2100 Closedown

## NIGHT CHEMIST

- Kuwait  
Al Madinah Pharmacy  
Abdullah Al Salem St.  
Loka Pharmacy  
Dagman Complex, Ahmad Al Jaber St.  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Zena Pharmacy  
Ibn Khalid St.  
Salamiya and Rumaidhiya  
Al Rashid Pharmacy  
Amman St.  
Fahadheel and Ahmadi  
Al Adel Pharmacy  
Awadhi Bldg., F'heel  
Jleeb Al Shiyook  
Al Wahan Pharmacy  
Souk St.  
Jahra  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Mafafi St.

## PRAYERS

- Fajr 3.13 am  
Zuhr 11.49  
Asr 3.23 pm  
Maghreb 6.50  
Isha 8.22

## CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus  
The Last Shark  
Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro  
Al Salamiya  
Desperately Seeking Susan  
Starring: Madonna  
Al Hamra  
Qaher Al Fursan (Arabic)  
Starring: Yunus Shalabi, Dalal Abdul Aziz, Wahid Saif  
Drive-In  
Laila Al Kabz Ala Bakaiza Wa Zaghoul (Arabic)  
Starring: Suhair Babil, Issad Yunus  
Fahadheel Open-Air  
Buhundi (Hindi)  
Starring: Raj Kumar  
Al Firdous  
Pyar Ke Kabil (Hindi)  
Starring: Rishi Kapoor, Poonam Dhillon  
Al Fahadheel  
Swati Thumal (Malayalam)  
Al Jahra  
War Lords of Atlantis  
Granaia  
Ditty Harry  
Salaibilhat  
Al Jad'an Al Talatha (Arabic)  
Al Jleeb  
Nombarithi Poovu (Malayalam)  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Hand Gun

## SUNDAY

- 10.15 Shams Al Khazaneh: new Arabic serial, featuring words of the Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.)  
12.15 Hardcastle and McCormick: Starring Brian Keith. English serial.  
4.15 Mamnoon's Lil Takabak: Arabic feature film. Starring: Samir Sabri, Maha Abu Ouf, Mohammad Rida.  
10.30 Late Night Variety Show: "Huwat Ma's Karam Mahmoud." Prepared and presented by Amal Abdullah.

## MONDAY

- 11.15 Ghaddab Tabdan Al Hayat: part 2, featuring Saad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahd, Ghanem Al Saleh, Khalid Al Obaid.  
12.15 Treasures of the Gulf: documentary on marine life in Gulf waters.  
4.15 Football: Kuwait vs Japan. Replay of matches played in 1986 for the Olympic Games in Seoul.  
7.45 Quran and Science: "Alam Al Bahar."  
10.45 Aftab Murratik: Arabic feature film, starring Shadiya Salah Zulfikar, Imad Hamdi, Adel Imam, Amal Zayed. The story of a couple whose relationship is destroyed by the woman's nagging behaviour.

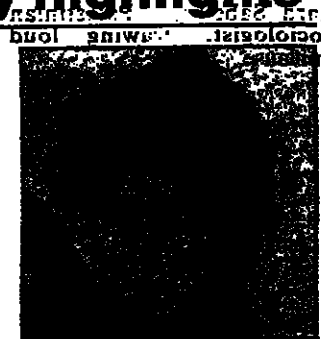
## TUESDAY

- 12.15 Silver Spoons: English

## KTV weekly highlights



Kuwaiti film director Khalid Al Siddik is a guest on Film Min Kitab, Tuesday, KTV 1.



Safiya Al Omari in Thursday's Arabic film, Al Fahameen, KTV 1.

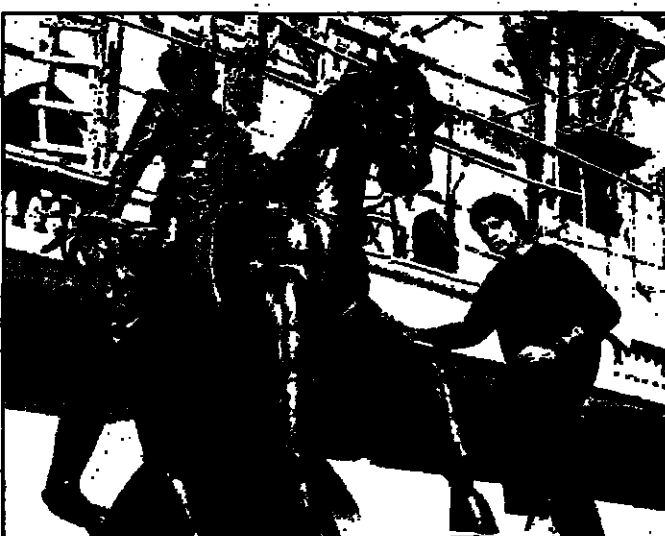
- serial.  
2.30 Wamrat Al Ayyam: part one of new series, featuring Juliet Awad, Rubi Safdi, Susan Saleh, Iman Kamel.  
4.15 Al Hissab: Arabic play, with Omar Al Herani, Nahid Jabar, Ahmad Khalil, Nadiya Ezzat.  
7.15 The World About Us: documentary  
10.45 Film Min Kitab presented by Durriya Sharf Al Din. This episode features a Sudanese writer Tayyeb Mohammed Saleh and Kuwaiti film director Khalid Al Siddik.

## WEDNESDAY

- 12.15 Shabab Wa Riyada: "People and Sports." Weekly local show on sports in Kuwait.

## THURSDAY

- 12.15 International Circus.  
1.50 Fawaz Al Munsabbat: featuring Yahya Fakhrani, Sabirini, Hala Fandi.  
4.15 The Saint: Roger Moore plays debonair detective Simon Templar.



Amitabh Bachchan plays the title role of Mard, 3.30 pm on Friday, KTV 1.

- 5.00 Liqa Al Khamsa: weekly show on local events.  
7.45 Al Babath An Al Saadab: weekly serial, featuring Samir Ghanem, Hussein Mustafa.  
10.00 Al Fahameen: Arabic feature film, starring Kamal Shinnawi, Safiya Al Omari, Majdi Wahba, Ali Al Shareef.  
11.45 Late Night Variety Show: directed by Ghafil Fadel.

## FRIDAY

- 10.15 Al Saif Al Mafkond: children's serial, starring Ahmad Aziz Al Haddad, Ahmad Hazeem, Ali Al Mufeedi, Awatif Mohammad.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

- Tareq Rajab Museum  
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm. Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.  
Islamic Arts Museum  
THE museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

## THEATRE

- Sounds Great  
Anyone interested in auditioning for future Sounds Great shows — singers, dancers or musicians — are requested to contact Ken Winston on 5740256/7 or 5758870.

## SOCIAL

- Onam Festival  
The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasia, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4311451; Thomas Perumpilly — 4310490 ext. 207; Verghese Paradayil — 2422973.

## United Goans Centre

- The UGC will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11. The committee will host a gala event to mark the 10th anniversary of UGC.

## Eid Reunion

- An Eid Reunion party for Bangladeshi engineers and architects will be held at Messillab Beach Hotel, Al Amal Hall, at 7 pm on June 23. For details phone 4718517; 4311351; 3713923 after 3 pm.

## D'Assisi Association

- The association will hold a social evening cum entertainment on August 11 at Messillab Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909/am, 3717346 (pm) or Augustine 5746754 after 6 pm.

## HOTELS

- At the Meridian  
Al Fingan Tea Lounge features a selection of coffee, tea and juice. Live entertainment in the evening is provided. Versailles is open daily for lunch and dinner featuring Continental cuisine. Business lunch with three choices daily also offered. Live entertainment in the evening.  
At the Sheraton  
Nightly dine in the Hunt Room with live music by the Trio Paradise. For lunch Hunt room offers a la carte. Tarbouche on the roof features a variety of Lebanese cuisine on

## Sunday nights/Live entertainment

- by the World Machine Band.

## At the Continental

- The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grilled specialties. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine. The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

## SPORTS

- PBAK Bowling Tournament  
The Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) will hold their bowling tournament for men's and women's doubles on June 24 and July 1 and 8, at the Holiday Inn Hotel. The tournament will be held from 6 pm to 10 pm. The elimination rounds will be held on June 24. The semi-finals are on July 1 and the finals are on July 8. For registration contact PBAK director Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 4843447.

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## MUSIC



Paul McCartney: present for fans back in the USSR

## Rocking behind the Iron Curtain

PAUL McCARTNEY is taking the best of rock 'n' roll behind the Iron Curtain.

He has signed a contract to release an album only in the Soviet Union this autumn, according to reports in Moscow. It will include 13 classics from the Fifties and Sixties.

In an interview with the Communist youth paper, Komsomolskaya Pravda, the former Beatle describes the album as a gift to his fans in the Soviet Union.

He says: "The new spirit of friendship and openness that is coming from the Soviet Union inspired me to make a present to my fans in your country."

In the 1960s, when Beatlemania swept the West, the group was sharply criticised in the Soviet media as "degenerate". But records were smuggled in from the West and the Beatles became widely popular among Soviet youth. The official attitude eventually softened and a few of the group's albums were released in the Soviet Union.

However, the official Press still publishes occasional articles warning that rock music could undermine Soviet values. One indication of the softening of attitudes in the Kremlin is the fact that youngsters are organising a three-day "rock against drugs" concert in Moscow.

## Secret of making a golden oldie into a new hit

# With a little bit of help from the past

Wet, Wet, Wet's current success with an old Beatles' song, proves once again that when it comes to boosting even the most prosperous of careers, you can't do better than covering a rusty old tune everyone else has forgotten.



Wet, Wet, Wet: chart success with old Beatles hit

ties' Sergeant Pepper album.

The resultant collection, Sergeant Pepper Knew My Father, was initially released on mail order, but proved so popular that last month it was commercially released by Island.

The proceeds of the whole project go to Childline, a charity which seeks to provide aid for children in trouble, and a worthy cause indeed.

It's hard to imagine, though, that Wet, Wet, Wet ever expected their recording — executed for a low-key charity compilation — to become the best-selling single in the country.

What's odd about it, I think, is that it's remarkably similar to

the original. Okay, it has been recorded with the benefit of modern 256-track technology, with each note no doubt laid down separately over about six months. It's all so much cleaner than Ringo's rather cack-handed interpretation, those thousands of years ago. But otherwise it's quite faithful.

The only substantial difference is in the vocal. Marti Pellow is the sort of singer who has obviously listened to far too much Ella Fitzgerald in his time.

He likes to tamper with a tune, knock it about a bit, pull it inside out and then throw it out of the window.

His is no mere voice, but a Voice, like Mick Hucknall's of Simply Red — dominating the song, rendering the arrangement almost irrelevant, and never stopping for a moment. Wet, Wet, Wet songs are usually characterised by fellow wailing over every last bar, storming across innocent melodies like Hurricane Bertha.

Pity

Nevertheless, his performance on With a Little Help From My Friends is remarkably restrained, and his few indulgences actually adorn the song admirably. For me, it's by a long way the best thing the

group has ever done.

It's only a pity that the original Beatles recordings no longer have the same impact. For the past five years, EMI has been re-releasing the Fab Four's singles on the 20th anniversary of their original issue, and after a couple of chart places (most notably Love Me Do), which reached No. 4, they haven't done an awful lot (the next one, incidentally, is Hey Jude in September).

The popularity of With a Little Help From My Friends is undoubtedly more to do with Wet, Wet, Wet than the Beatles, just as You Keep Me Hanging In is now seen as a hit for Kim Wilde rather than the Supremes.

Even those old troupers The Stranglers managed the trick earlier this year, by turning The Kinks' All Day and All of the Night into a top-five single and making it their own.

The scam is to find a song that's good (i.e. middle-aged radio programmers will remember it), but totally unknown to anyone under 18 (pre-1972). By recording it in the modern style (liddies don't like anything that sounds too raw) but otherwise leaving it alone, you can virtually guarantee yourself an enormous hit.

Or if you have the chutzpah of the Pet Shop Boys, you can murder it and still have an enormous hit. If you're really clever, you don't even re-record it at all. Observe the Jackson Five, whose I Want You Back, from 1970, has been "remixed" for 1988 — cleaned up and given a heavier, backbeat, in other words. Sneakily credited to "Michael Jackson and The Jackson Five" to ride the Wacko handwagon to the full — it's cruised shamelessly into the top ten.

A final thought on the matter. Remember UB40, the socially-aware etc., multi-racial reggae band? Their biggest selling album so far is Labour Of Love, a complete record of cover versions. I rest my case, m'lud.

## Rick Astley tops American charts

NEW YORK (AP): Rick Astley took over the top of the single pop record charts in the United States with his new hit Together Forever. The dishevelled-up from second place a week ago.

George Michael's One More Try slipped from number one to second spot on the Cash Box magazine chart, while Debbie Gibson's Foolish Beat moved up one notch to third.

Last week's number three hit, Shattered Dreams by Johnny Hates Jazz, tumbled to 10th position.

The week's only newcomer to the top pop list was Alphabet Street by Prince, up from 11th to 9th.

As for the Country-and-Western singles, Randy Travis stayed on for a second week as number one on the Cash Box magazine chart with I Told You So. Billy Joe Royal's Out Of Sight and On My Mind was second, and Tanya Tucker's If It Don't Come Easy was third.

### Top Ten US

The ten top pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) Together Forever — Rick Astley (RCA).
2. (1) One More Try — George Michael (Columbia).
3. (4) Foolish Beat — Debbie Gibson (Atlantic).
4. (6) Make It Real — The Jets (MCA).
5. (5) Everything Your Heart Desires — Daryl Hall and John Oates (Arista).
6. (7) Dirty Diana — Michael Jackson (Epic).
7. (8) Circle in the Sand — Beinda Carlisle (MCA).
8. (10) The Valley Road — Bruce Hornsby and the Range (RCA).
9. (11) Alphabet Street — Prince (Paisley Park-Warner Brothers).
10. (3) Shattered Dreams — Johnny Hates Jazz (Virgin).

The ten top Country-Western singles, as rated by cash box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

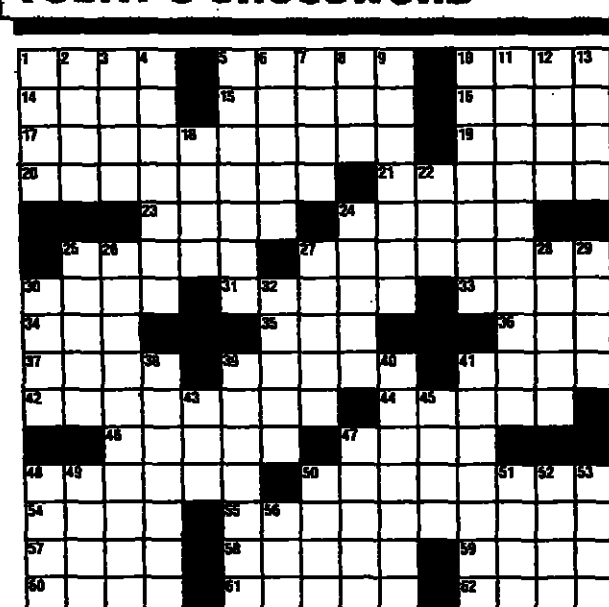
1. (1) I Told You So — Randy



George Michael: slipped to No. 2

2. (3) Out of Sight and on My Mind — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).
3. (5) If It Don't Come Easy — Tanya Tucker (Capitol).
4. (4) He's Back and I'm Blue — The Desert Rose Band (MCA-Curb).
5. (8) Fallin' Again — Alabama (RCA).
6. (7) Wildflowers — Dolly Parton, Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris (Warner Brothers).
7. (10) Love of a Lifetime — Larry Stevens, Rudy: The Gatlin Brothers (Columbia).
8. (11) Satisfy You — Sweethearts of the Rodeo (Columbia).
9. (2) What She Is (Is a Woman in Love) — Earl Thomas Conley (RCA).
10. (13) If You Change Your Mind — Rosanne Cash (Columbia).

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Theatrical characters
  - 5 Like a windmill
  - 10 "Wars"
  - 14 Colorful fish
  - 15 Eaten away
  - 16 Land of the Incas
  - 17 Virologist's instrument
  - 19 Too bad!
  - 20 One who classifies
  - 21 Part of PTA
  - 23 Lack of means
  - 24 Sports
  - 25 Word with park or song
  - 27 Certain lenses
  - 30 Gives
  - 31 Strawberry a raspberry
  - 33 Grassy surface
  - 33 Isen heroine
  - 34 Hockey great
  - 35 100 square meters
  - 36 — tent
  - 37 Hebrew prophet
  - 39 Tuscan commune
  - 41 Airport sights
  - 42 Has regard for
  - 44 Hide away
  - 46 Picnic hams
  - 47 Autocrat
  - 48 Name giver
  - 50 Place for a parking lot
  - 54 African antelope
  - 55 Instruments on a submarine
  - 57 Lager and stout
  - 58 Major happening
  - 59 Actor Astor
  - 60 Roosevelt biographer Joseph
- DOWN**
- 61 Has a nap
  - 62 Shopper's delight
  - 1 Head of a comet
  - 2 Sacred bull of ancient Egypt
  - 3 Plant pouches
  - 4 Chairs of state
  - 5 Dicekeys
  - 6 Formed a curve
  - 7 Queen of Jordan
  - 8 Intuition, for short
  - 9 Part of a pool
  - 10 Marked by simplicity
  - 11 Stargazers' instruments
  - 12 Isles off the Irish coast
  - 13 Reddish-brown shade
  - 18 City near Provo, Utah
  - 22 Pismire
  - 24 Bridge expert
  - 25 Singer Mel
  - 26 Astrologers' output
  - 27 Has feelings for
  - 28 It is stranger than fiction
  - 29 Drains
  - 30 Male guinea pig
  - 32 Bides one's time
  - 38 Famous steps in Rome
  - 39 Run like a rabbit
  - 40 Lends a hand
  - 41 Technical terminology
  - 43 English cathedral city
  - 45 Soft mineral
  - 47 Corrupt
  - 48 Off-used Latin abbr.
  - 49 Negri of film fame
  - 50 — bien
  - 51 Capital of Western Samoa
  - 52 Swiss hero
  - 53 Being
  - 56 "All About —" 1950 film

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

DOVE SADIIE OMSK  
APEX ENOLA PACA  
TERENCERATTIGAN  
ANY OONA UNITE  
HUNT ESNE  
ADDEND BRANONNEW  
SEER PARLE UNE  
HENRYCABOTLODGE  
ERI ALDER AGED  
SEMINARS MOTELS  
SKYE BARS  
EMOTE LURE LIE  
LAWRENCETIBRETT  
ARNI REATA EVEN  
MESA ASPEN EYRA

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

### THRUST AND PARRY

Both vulnerable. North deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 10 8  
♥ 10 9  
♦ Q 6 4  
♣ K 10 7 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ 7 5  
♥ K Q 6 4 2  
♦ A 10 8  
♣ A Q 9

**EAST**  
♠ 6 2  
♥ A J 7 5 3  
♦ J 9 5  
♣ J 5 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q J 9 4 3  
♥ 8  
♦ K 7 3 2  
♣ 8 3

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 2 ♠ Dbl  
3 ♠ 4 ♥ 4 ♠ Dbl  
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♥

There is nothing more exciting in bridge than the duel between a skilled declarer and expert defenders in a contract that is touch-and-go. Some years ago, four of the best players in the land locked horns on this deal.

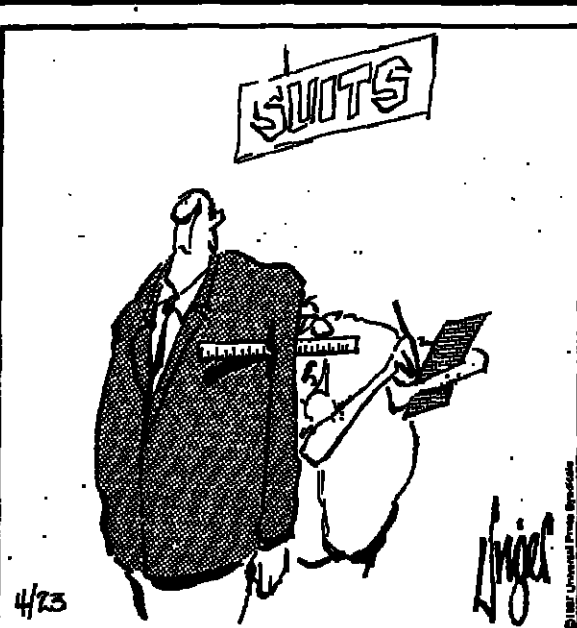
South's third-hand opening bid was a classic vulnerable weak two-bid. West's double and North's raise were standard, and East elected to compete on the strength of his five-card suit and potentially work-

ing cards in partner's suits. South's bid of four spades was a two-way action—he did not think his side had much in the way of defense (as it happens, the 2-2 spade break would be just enough for a one-trick set), and four spades might even have proved mailable.

Against most players, that would have been an accurate assessment. Unfortunately, he was up against stalwart defenders. East overtook his partner's king of hearts with the ace to shift to the jack of diamonds. That ran to dummy's queen. Since the only hope for the contract was to set up the clubs to take care of a second diamond loser, declarer came to hand with a trump and led a club. West continued with the fine work of the defenders by inserting the queen.

This trick was won by dummy's king, and when a club came back it was again East's turn to take center stage. He shot up with the jack of clubs and reverted to diamonds, and two tricks in that suit spelled *finis* to declarer's hopes.

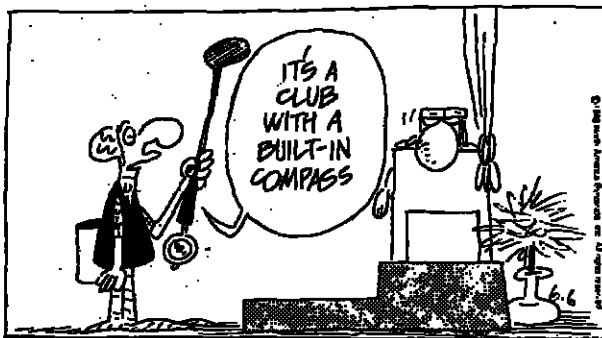
Note that if West plays a low club or the ace on the first lead, the contract is home. Declarer can set up and run the clubs using trumps as entries, and East cannot gain the lead to push a second diamond through declarer's king.



"Chest, fifteen and three-quarters."

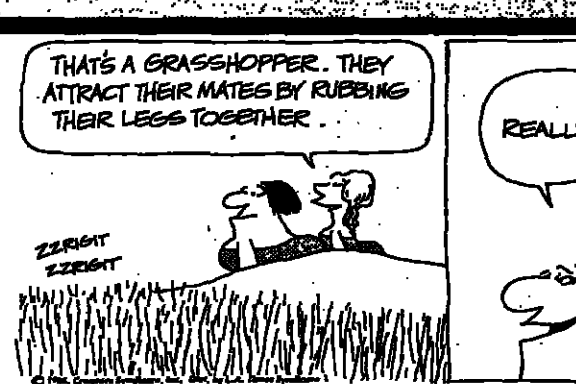
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



### B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
You have good reason to be proud of yourself but do not become smug. You should not ask for more than you know and you deserve. Avoid anything that is too exciting. Be moderate.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
You should not expect your children to be geniuses. You ought not to lose contact with a friend who has moved house. You will be able to do something you have been unable to do for ages. Be selective.
- Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**  
You should have a little more faith in yourself. You will be better able to deal with a personal matter. Do not dwell too much on the past nor be too apprehensive about the future. Be less selfish.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)**  
You should take the best possible care of your health. You will have good reason to be pleased with yourself. Something you have long wanted to do will not become possible. Be amenable.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
Make sure you do not spend more than you can readily afford. You should do your best to iron out a small difference of opinion. Avoid driving too fast and look out for what is behind you. Be less solemn.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**  
You will be able to meet your commitments without too much difficulty. You are far too liable to wait until the last moments before doing what has to be done.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
You will be able to deal with a problem that has vexed you of late. Jupiter's influence will help you to make a difficult decision. You should make sure you do not act on impulse. Be cordial.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**  
You should deliberate a little harder about what to do before making up your mind. Make sure you do not even by accident betray a friend's trust. Avoid spending too much time thinking about what might have been. Be considerate.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**  
This is going to be an interesting day for you. You should talk less about what you intend to do. Also you should show more interest to your partner. Be approachable.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**  
This is going to be a really busy day but you should not rush. You should do your utmost to avoid getting into a muddle. Go out of your way to do something to please your partner. Be sensible.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)**  
You are too liable to expect to have things all your own way. You should not do anything that would be contrary to your principles. Avoid getting into an argument about politics. Be tactful.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**  
Something you have been meaning to do should not be put off much longer. You should not expect others to be at your bid and call. Do not allow yourself to become discouraged.



By John Harvey-Jones

I HAVE never met Donald Trump and consider myself fortunate to have so far avoided that honour.

I do not have anything against him, but I do have a certain attachment to my house and to sundry other properties and simple necessities of life, like my shoe laces, which I fear might be lost in the course of a pre-dinner white wine with him.

There is no doubt that whoever loses in a deal with Mr Trump, it does not seem to be him. If it ever was, I am sure that he would be the last man to recognise it, and even slower to acknowledge it.

Trump: The Art of the Deal is not short on self-esteem. The first 30 pages purport to outline a typical working week, and I cannot remember ever ploughing through such determined name-dropping over so many pages.

The whole thing is like a Black Forest cuckoo clock, with a continuous cycle of the famous and admired being allowed to put their heads out and make appropriate noises every half-hour, for five days (and 28 pages) on end. Even the most resplendent cuckoo is limited to the same 30 minutes.

It may be difficult to struggle through the self-love and the emphasis on those met (and worsted) in "epic" and "mould breaking" deals. But the book does improve, and becomes easier to read towards the centre.

#### Concept

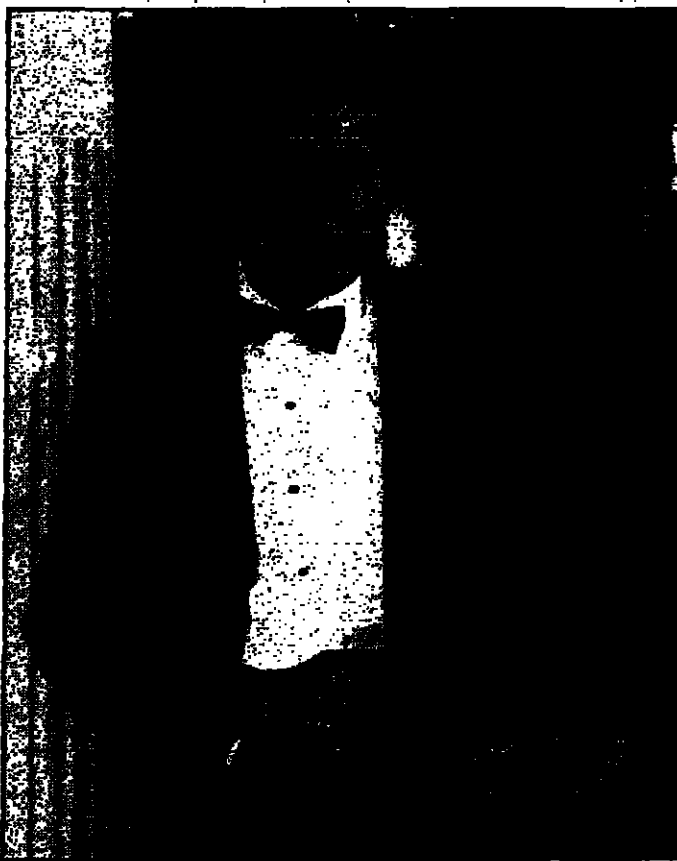
There is a compulsive interest as Mr Trump demonstrates the prime skill of the deal maker — to avoid the down-side risk — as he relives, and re-enjoys, his triumphs again and again.

The ability to keep everyone hanging in the air until he is finally ready is Trump's real, and endless, trick. This process involves creating misleading impressions to all those with whom he is negotiating.

He claims to, and plainly does, like the complicated deal where it is necessary to complete simultaneously a whole series of interlocked and interdependent, yet separately

## Trump card

The art of dealing in money by the master practitioner himself: Donald Trump



Donald Trump: Not short on self-esteem

negotiated, agreements.

Trump pushes the concept of caveat emptor to new levels. He always stops just short of a direct lie, but glories in his willingness to mislead, even at some considerable cost.

I do not know many business men who would revel in the story of hiring every earth-moving vehicle for miles around and setting them to do totally useless work in order to deceive those from whom he was inviting support.

Always it is other people's money he is after, while ensuring that his own is tucked away safely in any one of his modest pads, for example in New York or Florida. (What does he do in

the other 255 rooms?)

His genuine surprise when he at last meets a man who stands by his word (and is of course worsted in the process), is fascinating to behold. The fact that this straightforward, upright and, in my experience, pretty typical businessman is described as a "real gentleman" is considered more than adequate reward for his producing the foundations for the Trump Tower. So, all in all, if any reader should have it in mind to do business with Trump, I would have to suggest that he take a cold shower and think again.

I found it a sad feature of the book that the man does have a

major talent, which most of us would envy, although he hardly seems to be aware of what it is. Nowhere is there any explanation on analysis of what is truly a great skill — namely an ability to manage vast construction projects and bring them in on time and on, or even below, the cost estimate.

He supplies a simplistic description of value engineering and a definition of depreciation which would give any accountant heart failure, but no real indication of how, time after time, he succeeds where others have failed.

He plainly has a terrific-like energy and a determination to keep after a problem, and would not be able to live easily with public failure. Yet these characteristics are not enough to explain why he can take a disaster like the Wollman Ice-rink in Central Park and bring it to a successful (and well-publicised) completion.

His description of his management philosophy is parasitical. "Hire the best people away from your competitors, pay them more and give them bonuses and incentives based on performance." He does not make much effort to grow people, or to put anything back into the pot.

One wonders how business would continue if every leader saw his role in such simple terms. Moreover, since the Trump organisation appears to be a private company, the "proprietor" indulges in continual idiosyncratic interventions on trivia. Nowhere does he explain how he communicates with his troops, for whom I imagine this book will be compulsory and illuminating reading.

Yet Mr Trump has achievements to his credit of which he can be justifiably proud. I do not think that reading this book will give anyone the secret of how to make money. For all businessmen there are nuggets hidden within. But I have to say that it takes a strong stomach and determined prospector to find them.

TRUMP: The Art of the Deal by Donald Trump with Tony Schwartz Century Hutchinson £12.95

## Leo Tolstoy: genius at war with his own personality

By Richard Heller

RUSSIA has a long history of eccentric failures. Leo Tolstoy nearly became one.

He might have been the subject, not the author, of a great Russian novel.

Dostoyevsky could have used him as a "holy fool," another Prince Mishkin. Gogol could have cast him as another comic landowner for Dead Souls, constantly mistaken for one of his own peasants.

Fortunately, Tolstoy was a genius.

His creative powers delivered him from the war fought within his own personality, a war which often split over into crankiness, hysteria and tyranny.

A.N. Wilson has written an acute and compelling account of this conflict in his biography, Tolstoy.

As a novelist himself he offers insights not only of Tolstoy's imagination but also into the compulsions which drive any writer to create fiction at all.

Like his subject, Wilson is best at the close-up shot. He has a particular flair for the low comedy which accompanied much of Tolstoy's life.

Tolstoy came to believe that all men could discover the meaning of life by making their own footware. The theory proved to be a load of cobblers, and for years Tolstoy mortified his feet to no purpose with his own rotten shoes.

In his early life Tolstoy was a compulsive and very bad gam-

bler. Wilson makes him sound like one's dream opponent across the poker table, the man who has to bet on every hand.

Perhaps Tolstoy became a novelist because fiction is the only form of gambling where the gambler controls the odds himself.

A novelist of any kind is a master of fate, making events happen no matter how improbable.

The novelist's other great privilege is to re-edit his own life, and those of people around him.

Wilson shows this side of Tolstoy exceptionally well. At times the effect is chilling, as when Tolstoy stores up his brother's deathbed scene (in which he himself behaved badly) and produces a more noble version for Anna Karenina.

#### Creative

Tolstoy's creative — and uncreative — history was closely linked to the state of his marriage, which lasted 48 years.

It is the most documented marriage in history: When it went wrong, both parties conducted more than thirty years of warfare in letters and diaries.

He married, in haste, Sofia Bers, although his real preference was her younger sister (whom he turned into Natasha Rostov). He was 34, Sofia was 18.

The first 15 years went well. Sofia made his house clean and comfortable, stopped him losing money, and bore eight of their 13 children.



Tolstoy: A gambling idealist

In these years he produced War and Peace and Anna Karenina.

Her contribution to his masterpieces was more than a well-run home, happiness, and creative suggestions and nagging. She was the only person who could read his handwriting (he often failed).

Without her his manuscripts could never have been printed. In those years he and Sofia had the kind of quarrels which couples use to celebrate their marriage rather than destroy it.

Later the quarrels took over. They finally drove him to his terrible death in a remote railway station, under the macabre gaze of Pathe newsreel cameras.

Wilson's book is less happy when it deals with Tolstoy's politics, philosophy, and critical theories.

These are a hard task for any modern biographer since so many are either blind alleys

(pacifism, anarchism), dotty (the merits of shoemaking) or outright unpleasant (women's only role is to bear 20 children).

Wilson's own idiosyncratic political views are largely suppressed. But he does attempt a defence of Tolstoy's enemy Pobedonostev, a reactionary racist bigot who was the Tsar's main adviser.

He was a mixture of Norman Tebbit without the charm, Mary Whitehouse without the humour, Jean-Marie Le Pen without the tolerance. His advice led to a police state and vicious persecutions of Jews and other imagined enemies of the Tsarist state.

Pobedonostev is a rare indulgence in a biography which makes one long to re-read War and Peace on a huge train journey.

Tolstoy by A.N. Wilson, published by Hamish Hamilton £16.95.

## Serious money for serious authors

By Tim DeLisle

RECENTLY it was reported that Margaret Atwood, the noted but hardly world-famous novelist, had been paid an advance of \$2 million (£1,072,000) for her next two books. And that is just for the North American rights. So much for the writer in his (or her) garret.

Million-dollar advances are nothing new, of course. Big books command big bucks, and authors like Judith Krantz (\$3.2 million for Princess Daisy) were into seven figures several years ago. But they are pulp merchants, supplying sex-drenched melodrama to supermarkets, stations and airports.

Mrs Atwood is a kettie of different fish. She is an eminently serious, somewhat gloomy, 48-year-old Canadian feminist. Her first novel (The Edible Woman, 1970) sold 4,000 copies in hardback, but she is what the business calls a grower. Her editor, Nan A. Talese, says her latest (The Handmaid's Tale, 1986) has

Writers of low-brow fiction are used to million-dollar advances but recently Margaret Atwood, a literary heavyweight was paid over \$2 million for her next two books, underscoring the boom in the publishing world today.

sold 80,000 in hard covers and just under a million in soft, with more to come when it is adapted for the cinema by Harold Pinter.

Her editor is important, because she has just moved jobs, from Houghton & Mifflin to Doubleday, and the \$2 million was by way of a golden hello to persuade Margaret Atwood to go with her. "There can be no question," Nan A. Talese says, "that Margaret has earned this." And Nan A. should know: she is married to Gay Talese, the author and exponent of New Journalism, and the \$2.5 million Manhattan townhouse where she lives was acquired soon after he wrote a blockbuster study of the New York Times called The Kingdom and The Power.

There is, however, equally no

question that Margaret has not earned it yet, as neither book has reached the printers, let alone the bookshelves. An advance, by definition, is a risk, and although there is clearly a substantial constituency of feminist readers and Atwood fans, the more serious end of the market is notoriously hard to predict. The next Jeffrey Archer will sell as well as the last, or better; the next Anthony Burgess might not.

The first question the sceptics will ask is whether the two Atwoods can possibly earn their keep — whether the author's royalties will exceed her advance. If they do as well as The Handmaid's Tale, they will.

Assuming that her royalties run at the standard American levels of 10 per cent for the first

10,000 copies, 12.5 per cent for the next 15,000 and 15 per cent thereafter — and that her editor's figures are correct — The Handmaid's Tale will have earned Atwood about \$220,000 in hardback and about \$870,000 in paperback, making a total of \$1,090,000.

#### Advance

Publishing, in short, is big business. In the past year or two it has seen a medium-sized Bang, with many of the leading firms on either side of the Atlantic merging into, or being taken over by, conglomerates, and their cashflow improving accordingly. Shortly before signing Margaret Atwood (and Michael Jackson), Doubleday was bought by Bertelsmann, the German-based entertainment giant.

At the same time there has been a revival of serious writing. Look at the late Prof Richard Ellmann's biography of Oscar Wilde — long, scholarly, expensive (£19.95 and \$24.95), and a best-seller both here and in the United States.



Millionaire authors (left to right): Sally Beauman, James Clavell, Jackie Collins, joined by feminist writer Margaret Atwood.



Ellmann's advance from Hamish Hamilton in London was £90,000, a UK non-fiction record. It did not stand for long. Last autumn, just after it had been bought by Random House of New York, Chatto & Windus gave Michael Holroyd an advance of £625,000 for his biography of George Bernard Shaw. When you consider that the book has taken him 10 years already and may take another five, this was not such a vast sum, but it did beat the previous record by a factor of nearly seven.

Other serious British authors have done only slightly less

spectacularly. Salman Rushdie got \$850,000 for his next novel, Fay Weldon £450,000 for her next three. Back in New York, Tom Wolfe is rumored to have made \$1.5 million for the paperback rights to his bestselling novel The Bonfire of the Vanities.

There are signs of similar inflation at the pulp end. Jackie Collins is getting \$15 million for her next three door-stops, Barbara Taylor ("A Woman of Substance") Bradford \$9 million for hers. The lesser-known Tom Clancy is getting \$3 million for her next three spy thrillers; the unknown (except

as a journalist) Sally Beauman got \$1 million for the current chart-topper "Destiny." And the well-known but not consistently mega-selling James Clavell got \$5 million for a single epic, Whirlwind.

Not all of these big outlays have paid off. Whirlwind, says a New York literary editor, was not the hit its publishers (the Hearst Corporation) expected.

It would be a mistake to think that more than a few authors command these sums. There remains another literary world, where first novelists are grateful to be offered \$5,000 or £3,000 against a 7.5 per cent

royalty, and literary agents do not take tax lawyers into editors' office with them.

That world views the world of which it is now the underside with "a mixture of incredulity and consternation," says one London literary editor (and author) — "as if authors had no business to be in business."

Fifteen years ago, in a remark he will never be allowed to forget, Michael Holroyd wrote: "In the 1970s, men of letters are the undeserving poor." In the 1980s, they are just as likely to be the well, more or less deserving rich.

## Telling tales about Papa

THE latest slab of Hemingwayana is the handiwork of a cast of hundreds. Papa's friends, enemies, doctors, psychiatrists, ex-wives, children, bullfighters, chauffeurs, boxing-buddies, biographers, the FBI agents who tailed him, anyone still around and willing to talk, or who talked once upon a time, rounded up, pressed for their memories, and slotted into sequence by a clever editor, Denis Brian in The Faces of Hemingway.

The books is thus at least as interesting for the insights it offers into the friends of Hemingway as for the ones it provides into Hemingway himself.

He was, of course, a man of contradictions. The painter, Henry Strater, claims Papa got him drunk, sandbagged him and stole his prize fish. "He was a real s.o.b.," asked if Ernesto



Hemingway: new insights

was actually a shy man behind the macho mask Strater snaps: "He was shy like one of those police dogs."

Compare this with the assertion of William Walton, a firm and clear recurring witness in the book, "He was enormously shy."

And so it goes in ever more complicated knots with the friends of Ernest Hemingway scrambling ever more enthusiastically for a piece of the true image. Something about this book reminds me of the fact that at the height of medieval relic-mania there were more than a hundred churches in Christendom claiming to own Christ's foreskin.

Denis Brian makes a special effort to separate the man from

the myth on the following issues: Was Hemingway a repressed homosexual; a coward; shy; a communist; an inveterate liar. Only the last question gets unqualified yeses all round.

Perhaps the least sympathetic character to emerge from the scrum is an eloquent stone-waller, the tight-lipped psychiatrist, who administered electric-shock treatment to Hemingway in the months before his suicide.

Denis Brian: "It is true that you treated Hemingway's illness as a somatic disease?" Howard Rome: "No."

The faces of Hemingway by Denis Brian (Grafton books £14.95)

By Miles Kington

THE whole of this book is written in the same Heinz baby food style. Can it be that writing books about the royal family damages the brain and the senses? I fear so. Should we not insist that royal writers such as Nicholas Courtney have strict medical examination from time to time, perhaps after every three books, like boxers after fights? I think so. Even reviewing this book makes me feel odd.

Before I read this book I knew nothing about Princess Di and Fergie, except that one tended to look more like Cilla Black on commemoration mugs and the other more like Lulu. After reading this book I know a little more. Here is a complete list:

1. The Archbishop of Canterbury would not permit the broadcasting by radio of the marriage of George VI to the Queen Mother, in case the service was heard by men in public houses wearing hats.

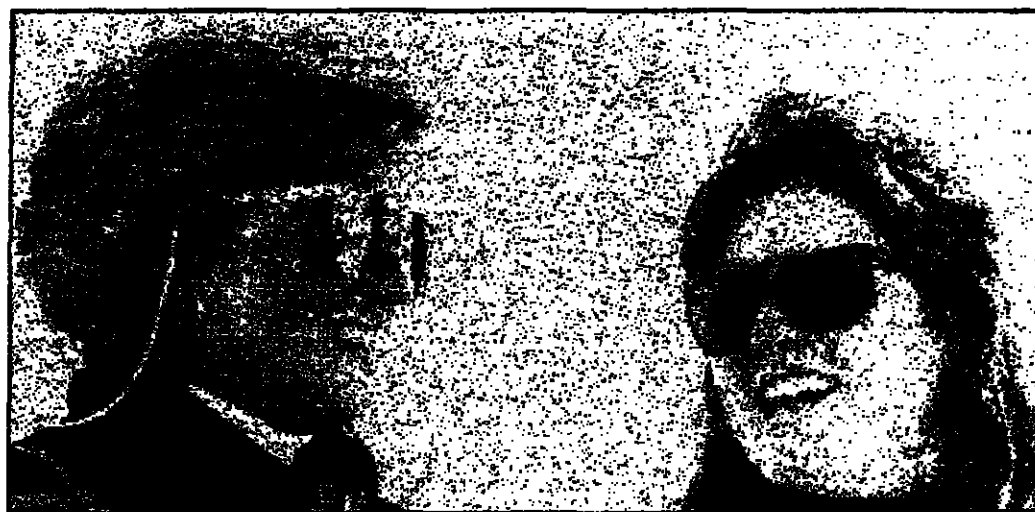
2. Princess Di reads everything written about her.

3. She sometimes wears previously photographed clothes to give photographers a bad time.

4. In France she is called Laddi-Di.

5. The first royal wedding to take place in public was the Duke of Connaught's in 1919. You will notice from this list

## Right royal baby-talk



The Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York: aura of mystique?

that only three of the facts are about Princess Di and none at all about Fergie. This suggests that Princess Di is more interesting than Fergie, and also, I am afraid, that the Duke of Connaught is too.

I would like to know why Nicholas Courtney has put only five interesting facts into his book. One theory is that in his two previous books on her, Diana, Princess of Wales and Fashion, Courtney has already used up all other ones. Another theory is that he intends to write more books about her and is saving up really interesting facts, if there are any, for later volumes.

A more charitable and likely theory is that Courtney is a firm supporter of the royal family and has written this book to protect at least two members of it. He is clever enough not to give them 100% approval, of course. He is sternly critical of a

tight black skirt that Princess Di once wore. He also calls the Duke and Duchess of York "this jokey couple," although he never tells us any good jokes done or told by them, probably because royal jokes are along the lines of radio disc jockey jokes: uproarious laughter at something funny which was never said. He also pretends to take the side of the press from time to time, but this need fool no one; Courtney is a dear old

monarchist and loves being one.

This entails great dangers, notably to his prose style and sense of logic. He never notices when he prints two contradictory statements on the same page, as on page three: "The members of the Royal family have to do nothing but be themselves, and be thoroughly predictable, to sustain interest in their dynasty," comes at the top, but at the bottom he says: "As with every piece of fiction, the characters develop and change as the story unfolds."

Courtney starts a sentence: "By the very fact that they are different means that they are automatically surrounded by an aura of mystique", breaking the old rule about sentences needing subjects.

He can also perpetrate statements such as: "But both the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York are nonetheless flesh-and-blood young women of a certain class and background..." If you need the but, you do not need the nonetheless; if you need the aura, you can do without mystique. And show me a young woman who is not flesh-and-blood and of a certain class and background, and I will show you a Martian girl.

I think I will go and lie down.

SISTERS-IN-LAW  
A Palace Revolution  
by Nicholas Courtney  
Weldon £10.95 pp 136



## ENTERTAINMENT

## CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the  
Arab Times

Stereotypes attempt to shake off hackneyed image

## ...And now for something completely different

Make-up, costumes, hair-do, wigs, beards and also an overall style of facing the camera, are some of the props used by stars to change their image in an industry where the range of roles is extremely limited and stereotypes the norm. In this pictorial feature our Bombay correspondent highlights some of the recent transformations.

AFTER a certain time lapse, every star, big or small, feels the need for a change. It is probably because the 'set image' which once contributed to their success begins to lose its charm. In other countries, stars often resort to taking up a variety of contrasting characters. But in the Indian cinema, the range of roles is very limited and the industry mostly goes by stereotypes.

Hence the stars effect a change in image, by reshaping their physical appearance, through make-up, costumes, hair-do, wigs, beards and also an overall style of facing the camera. In the accompanying pictorial feature, we can see how stars are transforming themselves to look somewhat new in their new films, though all may not succeed in that.

A typical case is that of Rohini Hattangady. She initially made a big impression by playing Kasturba, the wife of Mahatma Gandhi in Attenborough's highly-acclaimed

film. She also performed a serious elderly role with Anupam Kher in Mahesh Bhatt's *Saaranah*. After those performances she was typecast in motherly roles, although she is quite young in age. Even in *Shahenshah* she had to play Amitabh's mother although she is younger than him!

That's why Rohini tried out a different kind of vampish role in *Jawa*. But it was not well-received. Now, she has again made herself trim and stylish after a lot of dieting and exercising, to play the villain's accomplice in *Hero Hiralal*, though in a supporting role. But her full-fledged attempt at change will be seen in *Dinesh Thakkar's* *Waqt Ki Zanjeer*, where for the first time she plays a nautch-girl or 'mujrewali'. It is her answer to *Urmila Jais* as the story revolves around her abduction in childhood, to a house of ill-repute.

She becomes a popular dancer, but maintains her chastity, except for one love affair.



Dilip Tahil: attempting to look older with greying hair and a full beard

However her lover cannot defy the social taboos and goes away, while she gives birth to a daughter. She bravely brings up the child, but the girl has to face the same social taunts when she grows up. Once when a man tries to molest her, Rohini kills him. A court case for murder follows, where she is acquitted. But after that, she and her daughter have to return to the dance-house and resign to their fate.

Best  
Rohini says she has done her best in the role which offers the whole gamut of emotions. But how people accept it, will decide whether stars can switch images.

Another artiste who keeps experimenting is Anupam Kher. He has an unusual role of a handicapped father in *Mere Baad* with Rakhee. He has also donned a different look for *Uttar Dakshin*. But by and large he has been type-cast as a slimy villain in commercial films. So to look somewhat new every time, he adopts weird make-up and disguises. For one this, he prefers to go completely bald like Amrish Puri. But when film makers decide to put something on that too. His curly wig, in the centre of the head for *Maat Kalandar* must be seen to be believed. The same is being done by the other baddie Sadashiv Amrapurkar. The top villain Amrish, has also to try some tricks as in *Waris*, *Mohabbat Ke Dushman*, *Naseeb* etc.

Gulshan Grover is one actor who takes special pains to look a different villain in every film, though sometimes it becomes a little contrived. He himself plans out his make-up, hair-style and clothes with bizarre trappings. In *Zalzala* he tied his long hair tightly and even made a female bun with a ribbon.

In other films, he puts grey patches on combed hair, wears frightening glasses, or lockets, medals and buttons on his dress, or looks totally unkempt with ruffled hair, coarse cloth and iron bands on the wrist.

Danny also tries a few disguises, though he prefers to be himself, except for wearing military-type outfits. Dilip Tahil put on a full beard to look elderly and harsh in *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak* and change his young image in the TV serial *Buniyad*. Bob Christo and Manmouji are the permanent baldies who can be identified only from their shining heads.

Not only the character artistes, but even heroes and heroines feel the need for some change. Shatrughan Sinha tried out free-wheeling and was successful with *Khandaaz*. Now he will again be the simple, awkward villager in *Bilboe Badshah* and *Jawan*. The versatile Naseeruddin keeps trying a number of images, like a cowboy in *Aashiq* or a rich Yankee in *Maan*. Anil Kapoor and Poonam in *Kasam* and *Raj*

**Feroze Rangoonwalla's column will now appear every Thursday in the Arab Times.**



Jaya Prada: trying on a trendy image for *Ustaad*

Kumar, Hema, Sunjay Dutt and Farha for *Mohabbat Ke Dushman* tried to look like semi-tribals. Meenakshi looks a learned journalist wearing glasses in

Dev Anand's coming film *Sachche Ka Bhehala*. Dimple and Anita Raj have put on tribal trappings for *Faisla*. Deepa Sahi has become a glamorous actress for *Hero Hiralal*.



Deepa Sahi: her version of a glamorous movie star in *Hero Hiralal*

Hiralal. Jaya Prada has worn fashionable wigs and shiny dresses for *Sachha Sant* and *Ustaad*, just as Sri Devi has tried contact lenses and weird hair decorations in *Guru*. Hema

Malini is sliding into the clothing of lawyers or saints to suit her age. By far, the funniest is Govinda as Superman and Kimi Katkar as Spiderwoman flying around in a recent film.

## Behind the Screen

Raakesh Roshan has become so over-confident with the success of *Khudgarz* (based on an English plot) that he has started advising other producers. Here are his pearls of wisdom: "Bold subject, treatment and unexplored locations are the three really important things. We should wean away the public from their videos to something that can be enjoyed on the big screen and in the darkness of the cinema hall." Raakesh must be asked whether it is also important to copy the subject. His latest *Khoom Bhaari Maang* has been lifted from *Return To Eden* and that too from the video.

Someone played a dirty practical joke after Poonam and her husband went on a honeymoon to Europe. Anil and Boney Kapoor got a midnight call

from a woman that the couple had met with an accident in Rome. The woman said that she was Zeenat Aman and that her husband Mazhar Khan who was abroad had sent the message. After half an hour, when Anil and Boney phoned back the real Zeenat, she said she had not given them any such message and that Mazhar Khan was right there in the bed next to her.

A cameraman has also turned a playback singer, like some stars. Manmohan Singh, photographer of *Waris* has sung the song *Mere Pyar Ki Umar Ho Jai Saan* with Lata Mangeshkar for the same film. Is this Singh planning to turn from the camera to the mike?

Natwar Theatre in Jalgaon shows the TV serial *Ramayana* every Sunday morning. It is on a big TV set, with an enlarged

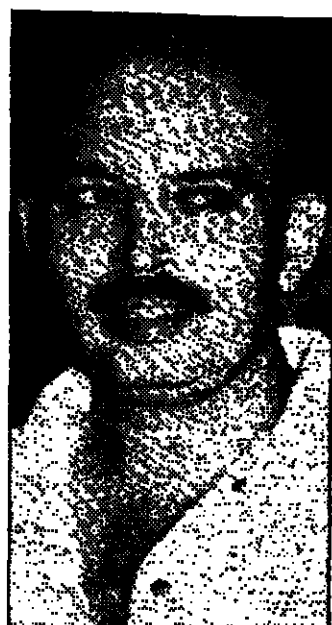


Anil Kapoor (left) and Poonam: victims of a practical joke

image projection. The show is held free and the whole town comes to see it with religious devotion. This is the first case of a cinema theatre which screens a TV serial.

N. Chandra who is making *Tezzab* has so much trouble from his stars Anil Kapoor, Madhuri, Chunky that he has now added Suresh Oberoi in a 'pivotal' role, to put the others in their place. Chandra does not know that having Oberoi in a film is inviting even more trouble.

A publicity stunt for *Parinda* says that during one scene when Jackie crashes into a room and snatches away Anil Kapoor from the arms of Madhuri, Jackie's acting was so realistic that Madhuri fainted on the spot. If that is so, it is bad publicity for poor Jackie. He must be looking really horrible after the flop of *Falak*.



Raakesh Roshan: advising producers on their trade



Rohini Hattangady: plays a nautch-girl in *Waqt Ki Zanjeer*. Quite a change from her role as Kasturba in Attenborough's *Gandhi*.



Shatrughan in his new-found image as a simple villager.



Dimple and Anita go tribal in *Faisla*.



## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## DO NOT LICK SKIN AFTER CONTACTING POISON IVY

QUESTION: I have heard that one way to keep from getting a rash from poison ivy is to lick your skin after coming in contact with the plant. Could you comment on this?

ANSWER: First let me explain what happens when people touch plants that are known to cause rashes. The plants we think of are poison ivy, oak and sumac. These plants have a resin on them which, when spread on the skin, can cause an allergic reaction.

People often think the rash itself can be spread by the liquid that may leak from the blisters formed as a result of the resin irritation and which form part of the rash of poison ivy. But, this is really not the case.

Because the rash may, at times, take up to three weeks to show itself, it is the original spread of the resin that causes these late-appearing blisters and not a continuation of the problem from blister liquid. That means that the best initial therapy is to thoroughly wash all the areas that could possibly have been exposed, to remove the resin. Clothes that have been contaminated should also be washed and if for some reason they cannot be cleaned then they should be isolated in a

well-ventilated area for three weeks.

Drugs such as diphenhydramine (Benadryl) may be prescribed to cut down on the amount of itching. Cortisone creams can be used to decrease the local inflammation and, in people with severe reactions to the plant, steroid (cortisone-like) pills or even injections may be needed. While I do not know of any literature that specifically discusses the use of saliva to reduce this annoying rash, one thing is absolutely sure. You don't want to try to wash off the resin by licking the skin. It could produce fearful lesions in your mouth and on your tongue and so ranks high on the list of "No no's."

QUESTION: Should I cut down on cholesterol in my child's diet?

ANSWER: It's a very good idea. High levels of cholesterol in the diet lead to atherosclerosis, or clogging of the arteries. It may take years for high cholesterol levels to damage arteries, but why let it start early? Autopsies of children who have died of other causes have shown that artery clogging already has begun in some children. In addition, there is a direct link between children's diet and coronary artery disease in adults.

The trouble with saying that children should cut back on their fat and cholesterol intake is that it is hard to create a diet that does so and still gives sufficient nutrition for growth. Growing children need more protein and calcium in their diets than adults do. The American Academy of Pediatrics has made several recommendations for children's diets. The first is that infants should be breast-fed when possible or, barring that, fed infant formula for the first six months, followed by supplemental foods of cereal and fruits with whole cow's milk for the second six months. After age 1, children should receive a balanced varied diet with food from each of the four major food groups. The key word here is balanced. Diets that avoid extremes are safest for children.

The academy recommends that children older than age 2 limit fat intake to 30 percent to 40 percent of total calories. (Many processed foods now state the amounts of fat and cholesterol on their labels.) Keep to these guidelines and your child should be well on the way to healthy eating habits.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Kuwait Fund extends \$5.4b loans to Arab and developing countries

THE Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Arab world's largest agency, extended loans totalling about \$5.4 billion to Arab and other developing countries in the past 27 years, a statement said on Thursday.

The KFAD statement said that since its establishment in 1961 through April this year it extended 341 loans totalling KD1.5 billion to finance development projects in 64 countries.

Loans to Arab states accounted for 51.2 per cent of the figure, while 21.9 per cent went to non-Arab Islamic countries and 26.9 per cent to non-Arab and non-Islamic developing nations, the statement said.

The Fund cited Tunisia and Jordan as the key Arab beneficiaries, India and China as the largest recipients of loans in non-Arab Asia, and Senegal and Tanzania in non-Arab Africa.

The Kuwait Fund said that it also extended grants and technical assistance to 35 Arab and non-Arab states with a total value of KD21 million.

A recently published report said that Kuwait and Saudi Arabia remained the world's most generous donors, despite a sharp drop in oil prices of recent years.

KFAD's paid-up capital now amounts to KD970 million. It was established 27 years with a capital of KD50 million.

The report, published this week by the Dubai-based, English-language Khaleej Times, estimated Arab aid to the Third World at \$4.4 billion in 1986, 20 per cent more than that of the previous year.

At the start, loans were confined to Arab states, but with the gradual increase of the capital, loans were extended to other developing nations.

**Disbursements**  
The Khaleej Times report said Kuwait's overall disbursements in 1986 accounted for 2.99 per cent of its Gross National Product, the world's second highest ratio.

Other Arab national funds are the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Saudi Development Fund and the Iraqi Fund for External Development as well as another Kuwait-based agency, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.

There is also the Khartoum-based Arab Bank for African Development, the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank and an aid fund attached to the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

## Plan to purchase 220 aircraft: Mishari

## Arab airlines to form \$1b consortium

FOURTEEN Arab air carriers and five financial institutions have a tentative agreement to form a billion-dollar consortium to purchase up to 220 new commercial aircraft, the chairman of the Arab Airways Corporation said on Thursday.

The studies conducted by (the consortium) show that the Arab air carriers need 220 new aircraft with an estimated cost of \$10 billion, on the basis of 1988 dollars, by the year 1995," said Ahmed Mishari, chairman of KAC.

**Inauguration**  
Mishari, who also chairs the project's steering committee, said that the facility will be named the Arab Aviation Finance Company and will be inaugurated in 1989.

In an interview with the Associated Press, he said the group was in the process of selecting a consulting firm to conduct a feasibility study. A decision on the firm is expected by the end of June.

In addition to Mishari, the steering committee comprises the board chairman of the national airlines of Jordan and Morocco, the secretary-general of the Arab Air Carriers Organisation (AACO) and representatives of five banking establishments. They are the National Bank of Kuwait, the International Gulf Bank, the Gulf Investment Establishment, the Arab Banking Establishment and the Arab Bank for International Investment.

The panel has raised \$150 million thus far and wants to raise one billion for the consortium.

"The company will be based in a country that provides the best financial, commercial and taxing aspects in accordance with the consultant's report," Mishari said.

**Study**  
He said that part of the feasibility study "will be conducted at the factories of key aircraft manufacturers which also



Mishari

offered to extend financial and technical help in implementation of the project." He declined to elaborate.

Mishari said 50 of the new aircraft will be needed to meet expansion plans while the 170 planes will replace aging aircraft. Mishari said that the venture

was prompted in large part by the aggressiveness of foreign airlines that sought to control the Arab market.

"The Arab carriers have become more convinced of the need to intensify co-operation and co-ordination to face the danger posed by giant international air carriers which threaten to monopolise the market," he said.

"Besides the financing advantage, the project will lead to the unification of aircraft specifications, methods of maintenance, training and storage of spare parts," he said.

**Lobbying**  
Aviation sources in the Gulf said that most of Arab aircraft purchases in the coming decade will be from the manufacturers of the US Boeing and the European Airbus aircraft. The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the two companies were already lobbying steering committee members about the sale.

## Bangladesh imposes heavy taxes

DHAKA, June 17, (Reuter): Poverty-stricken Bangladesh has imposed heavy taxes in its new budget in a bid to cut dependence on foreign aid.

Finance Minister Mohammad Abdul Munim delivered a surplus budget in parliament proposing new taxes totalling 6.03 billion taka (\$192 million) yesterday.

But, he said, the country would pursue a separate annual development programme to which rich Western donors would contribute 86 per cent of the money.

Munim announced new taxes on cigarettes, air tickets, soyabean oil and insurance premiums and increases on gas, tea, motor vehicle imports and income tax.

"For reducing the dependence on foreign aid, there is no other alternative but to go in for increased mobilisation of domestic resources," he said.

"Munim, a former Army, says that the budget proposed revenue

of 55.69 billion taka (\$1.7 billion) compared with 49.15 billion taka (\$1.59 billion) in 1987-88.

Expenditure was set at 52.50 billion taka (\$1.67 billion), against 44.81 billion taka (\$1.44 billion) in the current year.

Higher income tax and a reduction of investment concessions to higher income brackets would generate 705 million taka (\$22.38 million).

An average 20 per cent hike in the price of gas, sugar and tea would bring in another 805 million taka (\$25.55 million).

Munim said 9.24 billion taka (\$295 million), about 18 per cent of the budget, would be spent for defence. Another 8.40 billion taka (\$267 million), 16 per cent of the budget, was earmarked for education.

Munim said the remaining 3.19 billion taka (\$103 million) of surplus would be spent on the annual development plan, 86 per cent of which would be financed by foreign donors.

## North and South Yemen to set up joint oil company

SANAA, June 17, (Reuter): North and South Yemen are to set up a joint venture to invest in oil exploration and development, the North Yemeni news agency Saba said.

South Yemeni Oil Minister Saleh Abubaker Bin Hussainoun and North Yemeni Oil Minister Ahmed Ali Al Muhani agreed on Wednesday to set up the joint Yemen oil company for investment and mineral resources, the agency said. The two ministers met in the border town of Taiz.

Oil has been found in the South at Shabwa and in the North at the Alaf field only 200 km (125 miles) away and industry sources say the oil reserve spreads across both states.

The new company will carry out exploration and development in areas between the two existing fields.

## Egypt cuts oil export price

CAIRO, June 17, (UPI): Non-OPEC Egypt, in a move reflecting what an official described as instability on the world market, announced yesterday a 50-cent-a-barrel reduction on its crude oil exports for the second half of June.

The cut, the first since March, lowered the price of Egypt's premium Suez blend crude to \$14.35 a barrel, said Hammad Ayyoub, vice-chairman of the Egyptian Petroleum Authority.

**Lowered**  
Egypt, a key independent producer with close ties to OPEC's Arab Gulf producers, had kept the price of its oil exports unchanged since the middle of April.

The pricing action lowered Egypt's medium-grade Basma

crude to \$13.50 a barrel and its medium-quality Badran crude to \$12.60 a barrel, Ayyoub said. The heavy Ras Ghareb crude was marked down to \$11.90 a barrel.

The semi-official Middle East News Agency quoted an official at the Petroleum Ministry as saying Egypt took the action because "a condition of instability prevailed on the world market as a result of failure to adhere to posted prices."

Earlier this week the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed to extend its 15.06 million barrel-a-day production ceiling for the rest of the year in a bid to raise world oil prices to its \$18-a-barrel target from the current \$16 range. Maverick member Iraq refused to sign the accord.

## Saudis in \$800m joint venture with Texaco

NEW YORK, June 17, (Reuter): Texaco Inc has agreed to sell a half-interest in its eastern and southeastern US refining and marketing system to Saudi Arabia for \$800 million, Texaco said yesterday.

The deal gives the kingdom a long-sought role in refining crude oil in one of its most important markets.

The deal, also announced by Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer, climaxed several months of negotiations and will save Texaco \$2 billion by cutting oil inventory and working capital costs.

**Battling**  
The announcement came on the eve of Texaco's annual meeting of shareholders in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at which investor Carl Icahn is battling for five seats on the company's 14-member board. Icahn is trying to take over the company.

Analysts said Texaco's deal with the Saudis would probably not shift the balance of power in the fight for the board seats.

The agreement was made with the Saudi government-owned Arabian American Oil Company, often referred to as ARAMCO. The deal involves assets in 23 states in the eastern United States and on the Gulf of

Mexico, as well as in the District of Columbia.

Texaco is in the midst of a programme to dispose of \$5 billion of holdings in a restructuring. On June 6 it announced it would sell its West German unit, Deutsche Texaco, for over \$1.2 billion.

The relationship between Texaco and Saudi Arabia, one of the world's largest oil producers and largest exporter, goes back 50 years. Texaco, Exxon Corp, Mobil Corp and Chevron Corp are operating partners with Saudi Arabia in ARAMCO.

**Contribute**  
Texaco said ARAMCO's Saudi Refining Inc unit will provide 75 per cent of the joint venture's initial inventory, estimated at 30 million barrels of crude oil and oil products, and each partner will contribute its 50 per cent share of net working capital other than inventory.

Texaco said: "By sharing the inventory and working capital, Texaco expects to achieve approximately \$2 billion in cash benefits and savings from the formation of the joint venture, based on current oil prices."

The company said the venture will have the right to buy up to 600,000 barrels per day of crude oil from Saudi Arabia at prevailing

market prices and will have the exclusive use of the Texaco trademark for marketing petrol, diesel fuel and home heating oil in the 23-state region.

Some analysts criticised Texaco for cutting a hasty deal and not getting a high enough price.

**Bargain**  
"The Saudis drove a very hard bargain," said one analyst, who asked not to be identified. "They took advantage of the situation — Texaco's back was to the wall" since the firm needed the announcement before the annual meeting.

The analyst said the Saudis would have paid another \$200 million to 400 million if Texaco had held out.

Oil industry sources said Saudi Arabia, following Kuwait's footsteps in refining and selling its oil products in Europe, has been planning to enter downstream activities in Western Europe and the United States since 1986.

Nazer, quoted by the official Saudi Press Agency, said: "Texaco is the natural partner for Saudi Arabia because of the company's known experience in the refining industry in addition to the trained workers and labourers it has and its historic relationship with the kingdom."

He said this would serve Saudi

interests by providing a guaranteed outlet for its Arab light crude oil and was a good opportunity for the kingdom to participate in a beneficial commercial project.

**Investments**  
Oil industry sources had expected Saudi Arabia to be one of the oil-producing nations involved not only because of Texaco's connections with the kingdom, but also because of the developing trend in the Gulf Arab states to spread out investments in guaranteed downstream oil facilities worldwide.

Neighbouring Kuwait was the first to take this step when it paid \$2.5 billion in 1981 to buy out leases held by Sante Fe International Corp, a US oil exploration and development company based in California. It also took over about 3,000 gas-filling stations and two refineries from the US company Gulf Oil in Scandinavian and Benelux countries.

**Diversification**  
Kuwait's acknowledged aim was the diversification of sources of national income for the aftermath of the heyday of oil prices, which began falling in the early 1980's, and to guarantee outlets for crude oil production.

The Texaco venture would be the first for Saudi Arabia.

## Drought brings India back to world food markets

NEW DELHI, June 17, (AP): More than a decade after India succeeded in growing enough food to feed itself, drought has forced the world's second most populous nation back to the international food markets.

The purchases have been small — a million metric tons of wheat from the United States and 500,000 tons of rice from Thailand — and are solely to replenish buffer stocks.

**Underscore**  
It is the first time in five years that India has imported grain. But the purchases underscore the limits of the "green revolution" of the early 1970s and how reliant on the weather Indian remains.

Relentlessly ticking away in the background is the population bomb.

India's ability to feed itself is linked to curbing a population that has reached 800 million, is growing at a rate of 2.2 per cent a year and is expected to exceed China's population of 1.2 billion in the first half of the 21st century.

India's current food problems began last summer when the monsoon failed and devastating drought moved north into the principal farming states. As a

result, the winter rice crop was about 10 million tons less than that of the previous year.

When the rains did come, the wheat crop was in the fields. About 2 million tons was lost to water damage. The crop still was larger than the year before, but not enough to make up for the winter rice failure.

**Shrunk**  
Thus, the government has used its food reserves, and those stocks have shrunk from 25 million tons last July to about 9.43 million tons at present, news and other reports say. A foreign agricultural specialist said there have been no reports of deaths.

The government's problem now is procuring enough of the wheat currently being harvested. Because of the drawdown in national reserves, farmers — and to a larger extent private traders and flour millers — have been working to keep the wheat crop off the market to drive up prices.

The United Nations of India recently quoted Sukh Ram, Minister of State for Food and Supply, as warning middlemen about hoarding.

Hope now is focused on the life-bestowing monsoon due to hit New Delhi in late June. Western

officials expect India to buy more wheat and rice later this year, and the strength of the monsoon will determine how much must be purchased.

The prospects for a good monsoon are favourable. But even if the weather co-operates and India's foodgrain production continues its modest increase there still are problems ahead.

First, the green revolution extended only to wheat and rice, and production lags in other areas, acknowledged Agriculture Secretary C. A. Srinivasa Sastry.

India bought 100,000 tons of corn from Argentina this year and was given 100,000 tons by the United States. Corn imports could total 500,000 tons by year end, a Western diplomat said.

**Ill health**  
India also remains the world's largest importer of edible oils — 120,000 tons this year — and also imports soybeans, lentils, butter oil, non-fat dry milk and small amounts of sugar and cotton.

Western officials have criticised India's agriculture extension service, saying it was not getting necessary information to the farmers.

But Sastry said it takes time to

disseminate information.

"In my mind, it is a sign of ill health if there is no gap," he said in an interview.

About 85 per cent of India's wheat-growing land is now irrigated.

Sastry said his ministry is working to increase irrigation, to tap the huge water table on which India sits through wells, improve dry land farming and increase production in states where water is no problem.

India's initial green revolution made it "self-sufficient to their purchasing power," meaning it could grow as much food as the people could buy, a foreign aid worker said. But 200 million people — 25 per cent of the population — don't have the money to buy all the food they need and remain undernourished.

**Outstripping**  
Sastry said India's rice and wheat production has levelled off in recent years, but said he was not worried about population growth outstripping the country's ability to feed itself.

"But if you want to make a significant step up in production... there will have to be another green revolution," he said.

## World Business Summary

### US delays two more offshore oil lease sales

WASHINGTON, June 17, (Reuter): US Interior Secretary Donald Hodel announced yesterday two more controversial sales of leases for offshore oil and gas drilling would be delayed to leave the decisions to the next administration. The sales are in a North Atlantic region from New Jersey to Canada and in the Gulf of Mexico off Florida and Alabama. On June 6, the eve of the California presidential primary election, Hodel responded to political pressure from Vice-President George Bush, the probable Republican nominee for president, and delayed a plan to allow drilling in waters off a scenic section of northern California. The California drilling was opposed by many Californians and by Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, Bush's probable Democratic opponent in the November presidential election. Hodel said the delay in the California lease sale would allow the next administration to take the controversial decision of whether to allow the drilling, opposed by environmentalists and the fishing and tourist industries. Hodel said in yesterday's announcement the North Atlantic lease sale would be delayed for six months from its planned date of February 1989. Officials said that under the delay, technical planning for the sale and the invitation for bidding would be held up for the administration taking office next January. Hodel split a proposed lease sale in the Gulf of Mexico into two sections, with one section going for sale as planned next November but the other, more controversial part delayed for six months. President Reagan and Hodel have argued that all reasonable steps should be taken to find oil on US lands and offshore waters to try to avert too much reliance on foreign oil.

### EEC and Comecon to sign mutual recognition pact

STRASBOURG, France, June 17, (AP): The European Parliament yesterday formally adopted the mutual recognition agreement to be signed between the European Economic Community and Comecon. The agreement will be signed by the 12-nation West European trade bloc and its 10-nation communist counterpart in Luxembourg on June 25. The European Parliament vote came after EEC Chairman Hans-Dieter Genscher hailed the "Common declaration between the Community and Comecon, which will be signed after many long years of difficult talks, (and) establishes official relations." The West German foreign minister, who will complete on June 30 his rotating six-month chairmanship, said the EEC hoped that the conclusion of agreements with member states of Comecon "will lead to increased mutual confidence and respect." Genscher said he hoped progress would be made, "notably on the issue of human rights." "All participants (to the conference on European security and co-operation in Vienna) who are still hesitant are invited to negotiate in a constructive manner," Genscher added. Under EEC law, the Parliament did not have to be consulted on the EEC-Comecon agreement which would have been signed even without its approval. But Willy De Clercq, EEC commissioner for external relations, insisted that EEC law required "consultation of the European Parliament." The EEC-Comecon agreement would mark the first time the communist trade bloc had officially recognised the EEC. Last week two Comecon members, the Soviet Union and East Germany separately asked to establish diplomatic relations with the EEC on a bilateral basis.



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AMSCOR	31/10	31/6	31/6	0	HERCOT	21/4	21/3	21/3	0
AMT	82/3	82/2	82/2	0	MERRILL LY	25/4	25/3	25/3	0
LAURIC R	25/2	25/0	25/0	0	MESA OFFSH	1/2	1/2	1/2	0
BOTT LAB	44/7	45/1	45/1	0	MOBIL OIL	45/4	45/2	45/2	0
ME CLVD	12/0	11/4	11/4	0	MONTANA PO	36/4	36/2	36/2	0
V MICRO	15/5	15/5	15/5	0	MORGAN JN	41/0	40/6	40/6	0
ROFL LAB	8/6	8/5	8/5	0	MORT THIO	51/3	51/2	51/2	0
RNA LIFE	45/3	45/1	45/1	0	MRSCH-MLCN	54/7	54/2	54/2	0
MAISON	16/2	16/1	16/1	0	MURPHY OIL	34/4	34/0	34/0	0
R PR-CIN	50/6	50/2	50/2	0	NAL INTERG	18/0	17/3	17/3	0
ASKA AIR	18/3	18/3	18/3	0	NBI CORP	4/4	4/3	4/3	0
BERTSONS	32/6	33/0	33/0	0	NCR CORP	69/1	69/3	69/3	0
BNA 6-16	0	83/0	83/0	0	NEW ENA RE	23/4	23/4	23/4	0
CAN ALIM	32/0	31/7	31/7	0	NEW PLG EL	14/2	14/2	14/2	0
CO STAND	24/6	24/7	24/7	0	NEHELL CO	43/3	42/7	42/7	0
CYNAMID	49/4	49/7	49/7	0	NEUMONT MI	45/6	44/6	44/6	0
ELET PM	28/7	28/7	28/7	0	NEUMONT GLD	46/1	46/1	46/1	0
HOM PRO	75/7	75/5	75/5	0	NI MOHE-10	0	59/6	59/6	0
HOM PRO	79/5	79/7	79/7	0	NI MOHE-72	0	75/4	75/4	0
STANDARD	71/1	71/1	71/1	0	NICOLET IN	13/0	12/7	12/7	0
STORES	53/3	52/6	52/6	0	NICOR INC	29/1	29/0	29/0	0
TEL-TEL	26/6	26/5	26/5	0	NI IND	6/5	6/6	6/6	0
WOOD CORP	75/7	75/7	75/7	0	NBL AFF	11/1	11/5	11/5	0
P PITT	49/3	49/3	49/3	0	NORAD RESOU	10/2	10/2	10/2	0
POC INC	13/4	13/5	13/5	0	NORTHON	29/7	29/5	29/5	0
R CORP	47/2	47/5	47/5	0	NORTHROP	60/6	60/6	60/6	0
R GEN CO	31/0	30/6	30/6	0	NORVO IND	30/6	30/6	30/6	0
ERADA NE	27/4	27/3	27/3	0	NUCO CORP	40/0	41/0	41/0	0
THEN ELE	13/7	13/6	13/6	0	OAK INDS	1/1	1/1	1/1	0
ACHE CO	7/4	7/3	7/3	0	OCC PETCRP	26/5	26/5	26/5	0
HEM PET	2/6	2/6	2/6	0	OCEAN DRILL	19/0	18/6	18/6	0
STRONG	38/5	38/4	38/4	0	OGDEN CORP	27/3	27/0	27/0	0
ULCO OIL	69/2	68/6	68/6	0	OH ED CO	18/2	18/2	18/2	0
USA PACI	6/6	6/6	6/6	0	OHIO NAT	16/5	16/4	16/4	0
LS INT	34/4	34/2	34/2	0	OLIN CORP	49/6	49/5	49/5	0
ERTY CORP	23/4	23/4	23/4	0	OWINCARE	7/5	7/4	7/4	0
NET INC	25/2	25/3	25/3	0	ORION PICT	15/6	15/6	15/6	0
CON PRODS	24/3	24/3	24/3	0	PAINE MIE	16/5	16/5	16/5	0
E INC	30/4	30/2	30/2	0	PAN AM	2/5	2/5	2/5	0
LLSOUTH	43/0	42/3	42/3	0	PANHANDLE	24/6	24/7	24/7	0
LO CO A	29/7	29/5	29/5	0	PARK ELEC	18/2	18/0	18/0	0
TH STEEL	21/4	21/4	21/4	0	PARKER DRI	3/7	4/0	4/0	0
VERLY	5/5	5/6	5/6	0	PARKER HAN	35/6	35/2	35/2	0
K BOSTON	26/6	27/2	27/2	0	PATSCO PET	3/6	3/6	3/6	0
K BSTN-A	0	49/1	49/1	0	PAYLSS CSH	23/6	23/6	23/6	0
K K-NYK	33/0	33/0	33/0	0	PULLMAN CO	5/4	5/4	5/4	0
K TR-NY	36/0	36/1	36/1	0	PC INDG-96	0	88/4	88/4	0
KAMERICA	12/0	11/7	11/7	0	PENN CORP	23/0	22/7	22/7	0
KAM SPEC	6/7	6/6	6/6	0	PENNMALT	81/4	78/1	78/1	0
KEING CO	54/3	54/2	54/2	0	PENNZOIL	74/2	74/0	74/0	0
ISE CASC	45/2	45/3	45/3	0	PEOPLES EN	35/6	35/3	35/3	0
RODEN	51/1	51/0	51/0	0	PERISCO	51/7	51/7	51/7	0
WATER	34/2	34/1	34/1	0	PHILIPS DOD	44/6	44/1	44/1	0
TELECOM	43/4	43/2	43/2	0	PHILIP MOR	83/2	83/0	83/0	0
GGGS-STR	32/6	32/6	32/6	0	PHILLIPS PE	17/5	17/2	17/2	0
WYSTER	41/5	41/3	41/3	0	PILLSBURY	36/6	36/4	36/4	0
UNISPEC	22/6	22/6	22/6	0	PINNACLE W	23/4	23/4	23/4	0
WINDY CO	0	0/2	0/2	0	PINB-SOMES	45/1	45/0	45/0	0
3 INC	10/7	10/7	10/7	0	PITTSOHN	14/7	14/5	14/5	0
BOT CORP	38/5	38/6	38/6	0	POLAROID	33/2	33/1	33/1	0
ESARUS W	27/2	27/4	27/4	0					
FREIGHT	22/6	22/5	22/5	0					
S NAT.GS	0	16/7	16/7	0					

INTEL CP	159/1	158/2	JER PW 0-5	0	82/0	PRIMERICA	26/5	26/3	VALERO EN	7/6	7/6
AMP INTL	4/17	4/7/5	JOHNSON CO	34/2	34/3	PROCT-GAMB	77/10	76/4	VALLEY IND	2/6	2/5
AMP SP-1	35/3	35/4	JOHNSON-JNS	80/0	80/1	PUCKET SP-L	19/2	19/1	VARCO INTL	3/6	3/1
AMP SP-2	12/4	12/5	K MART CP	34/5	34/6	PULTE HOME	7/2	7/2	VARIAN ASS	28/4	28/2
ARTER CO	4/0	4/0	KAISER ALM	17/3	17/3	QUAKER OAT	45/5	45/6	V PNT PEPP	39/2	39/2
CASE MAN	28/5	28/4	KAN CI P-L	29/2	29/1	QUAKER COR	23/4	23/3	WATKOC INT	6/2	6/2
CEMENT CP	33/0	33/0	KAN CI P-L	28/2	28/2	QUANTUM CH	96/0	96/6	WATN HART	29/0	28/7
GENERIC BNY	28/6	28/5	KELLOGG	54/1	53/6	RALS-PULIN	77/10	76/7	WILCOXEN	35/0	34/5
HYDRO JATON	50/1	50/17	KERR HOGGE	36/5	36/5	RAMBA INN	7/5	7/5	WILSON-KON	24/4	24/2
KEYSTONE	24/6	24/6	KRYSTON	11/0	11/0	RAMBER LTD	7/5	7/1	WIMMER SAN	36/7	36/7
LABOR	57/3	56/6	KYDIE CO	62/4	62/6	RATCHEM	48/0	48/6	WISSE MAN	66/3	66/3
LIB CORP	5/7	6/0	KING-CLARK	62/4	62/6	RAYCHAM	6/2	6/2	WISH GAS	2/4	24/3
			KLM-POLAR	38/3	38/3	RAYMARK	6/2	6/2	WENDY INTL	5/6	5/7

CITIC ST	31/1	30/7	KROGER	51/8	50/8	VILLIAMS C	31/4	32/4
ICLE K	14/5	14/4	LEA RONAL	15/4	15/3	VILLIAMS E	8/7	8/7
TICORP	23/2	23/0	LONG-PLATT	29/7	29/6	VINNEBAGO	10/4	10/3
KARCO EQUI	34/4	34/0	LEWMAN	12/1	12/1	WINN-DIXIE	39/0	38/7
BROOK	30/2	29/7	LILLY ELI	83/5	83/4	WOOLWORTH	53/2	53/2
HILL RES	1/2	1/3	LINDOLM NA	48/0	47/6	WORLDCORP	5/4	5/3
SULL SP	23/7	23/5	LITTON IND	83/6	83/4	WRIGLEY	37/2	37/4
PACIFIC	19/0	18/5	LOCKHEED	44/6	44/7	WYLE LABS	10/1	10/0
CIN	11/0	11/0	LOCITTE CP	33/1	33/1	XEROX CORP	54/4	54/7
DISTAL	28/1	27/7	LOEWS CORP	65/7	65/5	XTRA INC	31/7	31/6
A-COLA	38/1	37/0	LON-NETTLE	17/3	17/2	ZAPATA	2/7	2/7
ECHO	2/2	2/1	LONE STAR	34/0	33/7	ZAYRE CORP	21/1	21/2
AMERICAN CO	37/6	38/1	LOWES	21/2	21/4	ZENITH EL	27/6	27/6
S-PALUM	43/0	43/1	LTD INC	21/3	21/1	ZERO	15/4	15/4
UNION GAS	31/0	31/0	LTV CORP	3/0	3/1			
UMBUS-CO	0	115/0	LTV 1-25	3/6	3/6			
EDISON	28/1	28/1	LTV 3-OBS	6/3	6/3			
AGRA	29/4	29/1	LTV 5	15/2	15/2			
EDISON	44/4	43/7	LUBRIZOL	37/1	36/7			
FIMENTA	38/0	37/7	LIBBY'S CAFS	23/4	23/5			
FL ILLR	*05	*03	MALAYSIA F	7/3	7/3			
TEL CP	34/0	33/7	MONT ASS	3/0	2/7			
R-T-A	26/2	26/5	N HARIETTA	45/3	45/0			
PER DATA	34/6	34/4	NA CON INC	10/1	10/1			
ING CO	10/2	10/2	NACHILLAN	74/6	75/0			
STER GL	54/7	54/2	NAMOR CARE	10/6	10/7			
IE	29/7	30/1	NANI NAMOV	29/7	29/7			
RES	84/6	84/5	MARRIOTT	29/2	29/0			

EAL IND	7/5	7/4	MATSU ELEC	201/4	203/2
GENI	23/0	22/6	HATTEL INC	8/2	8/5
POINT	5/3	5/3	NCA INCRP	41/3	41/2
ON HUD	35/0	34/3	W DONALDS	45/0	44/5
	110/7	110/5			
-E CO	46/5	46/7			
A AIR	52/1	52/0			
BOND SR	19/5	14/6			
COLD	39/4	39/2			
SLEY V	61/2	61/2			
R CORP	69/7	69/6			
CHEMIC	89/3	89/3			
JONES	34/4	34/3			
SER IN	34/2	34/1			
FUS	28/5	28/5			

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### Wall Street Statistics "Composite"

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME			AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME		
DYK PETE	26 5/8 -	1/8	WAUG LAB B	10 3/8 +	UNICH
POSTBQ CP	35	+ 1/8	NORM-HARD	10	+ 1/2
PORTLAND	23 3/4 -	UNCH	HY TIMES A	27 3/8 -	3/8
EXDON	45 5/8 -	3/8	BAT INDS	7 9/16 -	3/16
TEXACO	50	+ 1/2	BERGN BR A	26 3/8 +	3/8
FERRY AIR	46 5/8 +				

BRAD	50/1	50/3			UNCH	DAMSON OIL	1/16	-	1/32
NT	89/1	89/0				FIRST WYO	13 1/2	-	UNCH
ESME	14/6	14/6				INSTEEL	13 3/4	+	1/4
NICS	22/2	22/3				COMP CONS	9		UNCH
STEMS	28/3	28/1							
E PICH	30/3	30/2				ANEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			
ERN F	25/4	25/3				NATL RLTY	2 3/8	+	1/4
SON EL	32/0	31/5				SFTM SVCS	12	+	1 1/4
SON RA	3/6	3/5				CONV O GAS	3 1/8	+	1/4
L CP	21/2	22/2				T E C INC	3 1/4	-	3/4
N	46/0	45/6				BIOTECN	3 5/8		1/2
DOL ST	12/0	12/0				ANEX VOLUME			4,236,726
EXPRESS	43/4	43/2				STOCKS UP			172
DCREST	17/4	17/3				STOCKS DOWN			209
COR-AM	1/1	1/0							

Wall Street Market Report	
NEW YORK	36 3/4 36 1/2
MOTOR	52 1/1 52 1/1
NOVAR	38 3/6 38 3/6
ORO CO	31 1/2 31 1/2
LD IND	11 1/0 10 7/8
BANK	21 1/6 22 1/0

## Wall Street Market Report

New York, June 17, Reuter — Wall Street stocks showed small gains at mid-session but pulled back from earlier levels. Brokers related buying to short covering as well as bargain hunting in issues depressed by yesterday's steep decline. They also saw buying related to triple witching day.

The Dow 30 index was up three at 2097, falling under the important technical level of 2100 after rising to 2104 earlier. Gaining issues led decliners six-to-five on heavy volume. Genentech gained three to 81-1/8. The company said it was in talks to sell its pharmaceutical and equipment groups. Earlier, Centaur offered a buyout at a premium to the market.

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## International Bond Highlights

London — Franklin Savings Association is issuing a 504.15 min dir Collateralised Mortgage Obligation (CMO) due September 26, 2004, and priced at par, Banque Paribas Capital Markets Ltd said as lead manager. (RTXN 1437)

London — Bristol and West Building Society is issuing a 150 min stg mismatch floating rate note (FRN) with a live year and interbank offered rate (LIBOR) and priced at par, Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said as sole lead manager. (RTUM 0945)

London — Bergen Bank A/S is issuing a 10 billion yen, zero coupon Eurobond due June 28, 1993 which is priced at 81.585 pct for an effective yield of 4.64 pct, said Mitsui Trust International as lead manager. (RTXS 1508)

Zurich — Morgan Stanley Capital (Jersey) Ltd is issuing 80,000 warrants priced at 155 Swiss francs each to buy shares in Sanraiki Inc of Japan, lead manager Morgan Stanley S.A. Zurich said. (RTTK 0741)

## Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 7-3/4 1/2	8-5/8 1/2	9 3/8 1/4
FFI 3-7/8 5/8	3-7/8 5/8	3-80/90
PAR 7-1/8	7-1/16 3/16	7-1/4 3/8
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3 3-1/4	3 1-1/4
BRX 4-9/8	5-15/16 1/16	6-00 1/8
ROM 9-7/8 10-3/8	10-7/8 11-3/8	11 11-1/2
AMS 3-7/8 4-0	3-7/8 4-0	4-1/16 4-3/16
TOK 3-3/8 4-3/8	3-9/32 4-0000	3-9/32 4-0000
ECU 5-50 5-75	5-81 5-93	6-12 6-25

## Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6.5/16	6.11/16
3 months	6.1/4	6.5/8
6 months	6.1/4	6.5/8
1 year	6.1/4	6.5/8

## BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	62	61.50	61.50	61.50	580	580	580
ACC	203	205	199	GRASIN	44.75	44.50	43	NUKAND	87	87.50
ASTA PAINT	158.75	156.25	157.50	GSFC	126	125	122	ORRAY	42.50	43
BAJAJ AUTO	225	230	222.50	HIND LEVER	67.75	67.75	66.50	PEICO	32.50	31
BANK. BYING	220	217.50	222.50	HINDALCO	86	86	85	PFIZER	64	64
BR. BOND	158	144.50	135	HINDCOCA	85	85	85	PNE. AUTO	38	38
BSE INDEX	597.82	613.93	613.93	HINDMOTOR	23.50	24	22	RELANCE	219	225
CENTURYSPG	805	810	802.50	INDRAYON	71.50	71	69	STIEMES	65	67
COLGATE	210	211.25	210	INDROL	187.50	183.75	181.25	SPIC	51	52.50
DEEPAK FERT	39	38	38	ITC	41.50	40	41	STONILLIS	235	230
EL. HOTEL	51	50	51	JKSYNTH	69	70	66.50	TATA PWR	238.75	237.50
ESKAYEY	158.75	158.75	155	L AND T	94	94.50	94	TATACHEN	69	71
ESSAR	21	21.50	21	MAHINDRA	55	55.50	55.50	TELCO	615	622.50
GAR. POLY	78	78	77	MASTERSHR	11.37	11.12	11.37	TISCO	877.50	881.25
GE. SHIP	29.75	29.75	29.50	NATHER PL	80	80	80	VOLTAS	287.50	282.50

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR.-CLSE
AEG	205.8
ALLIANZ VR	139.0
BADENWERK	183.0
BASF	259.5
BAYER	289.0
BAYER HYP	341.0
BAYER VER	330.0
BBC	311.8
BHF	388.0
BHW	527.0
COMMERZB	220.5
CONTI GUMM	254.0
DATHEIN BER	639.0
DEUTSCH BNK	432.0
DLW	375.0
DRESNER B	244.5
DT. BASCOCK	156.0
FAZ INDEX	270.8
FELDMUEHLE	293.0
GOLDSCHMID	273.0
HARPER	420.0
KOENIGST AG	267.0
KOESCH	143.5
KORTEN	197.0
KLOECK V	0
LIHDE	683.0
LUFTHANSA	143.5
MAN	189.0
MANHESSEN	156.8
MERCEDES	508.0
METALLURGE	305.5
NIXDORF PF	485.8
NORSK HYD	57.50
PHILIP KOM	582.0
PORSCHE	514.0
PREUSSAG	165.5
PWA	213.1
RHEINMETAL	283.0
RWE	214.5
RWE P	202.5
SALAMANDER	251.0
SCHERING	518.0
SEL	282.0
SIEMENS	383.0
THYSEN	145.0
VARTA	277.0
VERA	258.0
VEW	165.0
VOLKSWAGEN	252.8

## HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR.-CLSE
C H TUNNEL	16.70
CHUNG K	7.95
CHINA GAS	18.00
CHINA L-P	18.40
CHINA MOTR	24.90
COSMO PROP	0
EVERGOLD	0
FAR EAST C	0
GEN ORIENT	0
H C DEVELOP	9.30
H S INDEX	18.02
HANG LUNG	5.70
HANG SENG	28.20
HAM PAR BR	0
HK ELEC CO	7.55
HK KOMLOON	7.85
HK LAND CO	7.85
HK SHAN BK	6.35
HK SHAN HT	5.10
HK TELE CO	7.20
HUTCH MARN	9.40
IND EQ PAC	12.70
JARDINE M	13.20
KOMLOON M	9.95
NEW WORLD	12.00
PAUL Y CON	2.90
REACT DEV	6.45
S H K CO	2.40
S H K PROP	12.30
SINE DARBY	1.77
STELUM MFG	2.72
SWIRE PAC	18.20
T V B CO	14.00
TAI CHEUNG	4.27
UNITON BANK	1.65
WOCK MARD	0
WOCK MARI	0
WORLD INTL	3.67

## TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AJJINOMOTO	3320	3400	MITSUB CP	1280	1290
AKAI ELEC	726	738	MITSUB EST	842	858
AKI	1080	1090	MITSUB HVT	2750	2770
ASAHI GAS	2080	2080	MITSUBI CO	974	935
ASAHI OPT	813	830	MITSUBKSHI	1210	1230
BANK TOKYO	1570	1580	MITSUBI EL	1210	1220
BRIDGESTON	1470	1450	NICHIGO	1340	1370
CANON	1220	1240	NINON CHMT	887	877
CASIO COMP	1250	1260	NIXCO SEC	1990	1990
CHUGAI MNG	1520	1550	NIP ELEC	2130	2170
CITIZEN W	965	920	NIP KOKKAN	545	530
D-ICHI KAN	3130	3070	NIP OIL	1170	1170
DAI NIP IT	808	810	NIP STEEL	571	559
DAI NIP PK	2620	2620	NIP YUSEN	733	720
DAI NIP SC	1090	1100	NIS MOTOR	981	990
DAI NIP TO	635	635	NUMURA SEC	4000	3980
DAI NIP TR	222	222	ONDA CO	980	970
DAI NIP WFG	1020	1000	PLUPUS	1140	1140
EISAI	2120	2130	SHIMADA OCN	920	925
FUJITSU	1530	1570	SHIMADA	983	990
FUJI BANK	3190	3200	RICOH	1280	1280
FUJI PHOTO	3790	3830	SAIKYO	2110	2080
FUJISAMA	1940	2020	SAIKYO ELEC	655	649
FUJITA CP	790	790	SEIYU ST	2350	2330
HITACHI	1420	1450	SEKISUI PB	1850	1860
HONDA MOT	1700	1720	SHARP	1090	1110
ISSETAN	1690	1690	SHISEIDO	1850	1870
ITO YOKADO	4650	4650	SONY	5170	5220
JAP SYN RU	1080	1080	SUMITOMO	1170	1160
JAPAN AIR	14500	14500	TAISEI	981	984
JAPAN NET	647	642	TAISHO MRM	1130	1150
KAJIMA	1560	1550	TAKEDA CH	2800	2820
KANSAI EL	3280	3290	TEIJIN	868	873
KAO SOAP	1890	1900	TOKIO NEW IX	219.57	217.18
KAWASAKI H	536	525	TOKIO MRM	1980	1980
KIRIN BEV	2160	2170	TOKYO ELEC	1180	1200
KONATSU	768	770	TOKYO GAS	1120	1110
KUBOTA LTD	753	751	TOKYO POWR	6080	6110
KYOCERA	5370	5470	TORAY IND	942	948
MAKITA EL	1690	1690	TOSHIBA EL	920	922
MARUI	3200	3230	TOTO	2170	2170
MATSUDA EI	0	2450	TOYO KODGY	596	594
MATSUYA EL	0	2660	TOYOTA MOT	2290	2290
MEIJI SEIK	1010	1000	YANADA	1370	1370
			YAMATITCI	1950	1990
			YAMAMOTO	4040	4050
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## Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS AT RECORD CLOSE AFTER BRISK TRADE  
TOKYO, JUNE 17, REUTER — SHARE PRICES FINISHED AT A RECORD HIGH CLOSE AFTER BRISK TRADE, BUT WERE DOWN FROM THE DAY'S PEAK.

THE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 195.14 POINTS, OR 0.69 PCT, TO 28,342.46. IT PEAKED AT 28,394.72 IN MID-AFTERNOON, ON THURSDAY IT ROSE 53.80 TO A RECORD CLOSE.

VOLUME WAS 1.7 BILLION SHARES AGAINST THURSDAY'S TURNOVER OF 1.4 BILLION.

GAS, PULP/PAPER, GENERAL MANUFACTURING, NON-FERROUS METALS, AND SERVICES ROSE. SECURITIES, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRICALS AND NON-LIFE INSURANCES FELL.

A SURGE OF BUYING BOOSTED SHARES IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON, BUT AFTER HITTING THE INTRA-DAY HIGH, SHARE PRICES FLUCTUATED IN A NARROW RANGE UNTIL THE CLOSE.

BROKERS SAID THAT PAPER AND PULP SHARES HAD PARTICULARLY ATTRACTED INVESTOR INTEREST AFTER HEAVY BUYING OF LARGE CAPITALS LIKE STEELS IN MORNING TRADE.

BROKERS SAID PAPER/PULP CLIMBED ON HIGHLY SPECULATIVE RUMORS ABOUT EMPEROR HIRONO'S HEALTH. A CHANGE IN EMPERORS WOULD MEAN THAT ALL DATED ITEMS MUST BE CHANGED. THE JAPANESE CALENDAR IS DATED FROM THE BEGINNING OF AN EMPEROR'S REIGN.

SOME LARGE CAPITAL STEELS UNDERMINT SELLING PRESSURE ON PROFIT-TAKING IN THE MORNING SESSION, BUT BUYERS RETURNED LATER, BROKERS SAID.

"THE STEELS WERE GETTING A BIT TIGHT," ONE BROKER SAID.

LARGE CAPITAL STEELS HAVE BEEN POPULAR FOR THEIR RELATIVELY LOW PRICES AND THE EASE WITH WHICH INVESTORS CAN ENTER AND EXIT THE MARKET WITHOUT ROCKING THE PRICE TOO MUCH.

BROKERS SAID THERE WAS ALSO INTEREST IN COMMODITY-RELATED STOCKS LIKE NON-FERROUS METALS AND CHEMICALS, BECAUSE WORLDWIDE COMMODITY PRICES WERE HIGH.

## Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JUNE 17, REUTER — STRONG GAINS IN TOKYO REVERSED EARLIER LOSSES IN HONG KONG, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ROSE 24.52 POINTS TO 2,718.02 AND THE HONG KONG 16.42 TO 1,800.17.

TURNOVER WAS 1.7 BILLION H.K. DLS.

BROKERS SAID THEY WERE CHEERED THAT THE HANG SENG INDEX CLOSED ABOVE 2,700, A KEY CHART POINT.

"JAPAN ROSE NEARLY 200 POINTS TODAY. OBVIOUSLY, THAT HAS BOLSTERED GLOBAL SENTIMENT," A LOCAL BROKER SAID.

THE NIKKEI INDEX GAINED 195 POINTS TO CLOSE AT A RECORD 28,342.46 POINTS.

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As of 15.6.88	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADITH COMPANY	1.25	1.24
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.67	1.68
ARAB BANK	114.2	114.0
ARAB CHEMICAL OTER	3.95	3.95
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.38	1.38
ARAB INSURANCE	1.05	1.00
ARAB INT. INV/TRAN.	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS.	0.94	0.90
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR/INTV/BK	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER COM/TRD	0.30	0.33
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	1.99	2.03
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.35	15.50
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	30.00	29.00
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.49	0.54
DAR ALDANA DV/INV.	1.48	1.49
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.45	0.45
FINANCE/CREDIT/COF	0.54	0.55
GARAGE OWNERS/DDR	4.10	3.95
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.27
GENERAL MINING.	1.30	1.30
HIMMEL MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.20	1.32
IND./MATCH JENCO	0.64	0.63
INDSTR. DEVLPT BNK	1.51	1.51
INDSTR./COM/AGR.	1.26	1.26
INDSTR. INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERCOM/INV	0.19	0.21
IRSID ELECTRICITY	0.96	0.93
ISLAVIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.28	1.26
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.00	14.10
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.10	1.09
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.51	1.51
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	0.95	0.96
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.98	0.99
JOR HOTEL TORKHIM	2.50	2.50
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.54	1.58
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.67	0.70
JOR LTH BRICK	0.23	0.23
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.58	2.58
JOR PAPER CARDBRGG	3.10	3.15
JOR PHOSPHATE NINS	2.36	2.36
JOR PIPES MANUFACT.	1.17	1.18
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.05
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.61	0.61
JOR SECURIT CORP	0.77	0.76
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.68	2.69
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.12	1.13
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.50	4.50
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.35	7.33
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.20	5.30
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	1.99	1.99
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.30	0.30
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.20	1.23
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	1.75	1.77
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.48	1.51
JORDAN TANNING	2.00	2.00
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.77	0.77
MACH/RENT/MAIN	0.78	0.78
MIDAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
MIDDEL EAST INS	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
MAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.80	1.80
MAT/CABEL/NTRE/MF	0.98	1.03
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.24	1.23
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.58	0.58
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.75	0.75
NATIONAL STEEL	2.68	2.68
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	1.94	1.92
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.50	0.50
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.85	0.86
RAPIA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.41	0.40
SHIPPING LINES	0.85	0.86
SPINNING WEAVING	0.76	0.76
THE HOUSING BANK	1.72	1.74
UNITED INSURANCE	0.93	0.95
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.55	1.54
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19	1.23
WOLLEN INDUSTRIES	0.73	0.70
YAMKUK INSURANCE	1.10	1.10

## PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	BC-A	83.50	84.00	83.00
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## Gold dips as oil prices ease

## Inflation worries hit London stock market

LONDON, June 17, (Reuters): Gold fell and the dollar held steady today as inflation worries eased in much of the world, but rising prices in Britain unsettled London markets.

And many dealers fear that because a continuing drought in the US Midwest threatens the grain crop, American food prices could rise enough to help rekindle inflation there.

But the slide in oil prices continued, cooling inflation worries elsewhere.

**Sharply**  
The price of gold, a favoured hedge against inflation, fell sharply, and was fixed in London today at \$450.00 an ounce, down \$4.00 from yesterday afternoon.

"Commodity prices and their influence on inflation are the only real factor at the moment," said a Swiss bullion dealer.

In Britain, the government reported retail prices rose more rapidly in May than most economists forecast.

Worries about inflation sent share prices tumbling, even before the government reported a 0.4 per cent rise in retail prices in May, about twice the average percentage forecast by economists.

**Running**  
Retail prices were up 4.2 per cent on an annual basis. In April, inflation was running at a 3.9 per cent annual rate.

By Midday, London's FTSE

index of 100 blue chip British shares had dropped 21.7 points to 1,840.2 points.

The pound sterling was under pressure. It fell more than half a cent to dip below \$1.78 and shed about a penny to less than 3.12 West German marks.

The dollar was hardly changed at 1.7520 West German marks and 125.80 yen.

"People are now focusing on the currencies backed by strong economic fundamentals — such as Japan," said Naoki Ishii, manager at Mitsui Trust and Banking.

While the yen moved little, Tokyo shares jumped. The 225-share Nikkei average rose 195.14 points, or 0.69 per cent, to close at a record 28,342.46.

**Economy**  
But rapid growth elsewhere is worrying investors. Many believe Britain's strong economy has caused a consumer spending spree that is pushing inflation up.

And traders are concerned that strong economic growth and a poor grain harvest could rekindle inflation in the United States.

Wester oil prices may reduce that risk.

Oil prices started sliding after the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries this week agreed to extend its existing pricing and production agreement.

Traders generally feel a worldwide glut of oil means prices will rise only if the organisations cuts

back production further.

**Stocks**  
Elsewhere, Paris the 30-share Bourse Indicator fell 0.04 per cent in quiet early trading, while Amsterdam's CBS All Share index slipped 0.2 to 88.9 and the All Share Swiss index eased 4.9 points at 853.3.

West German markets were closed for a public holiday.

Sydney's All Ordinaries index rose 1.3 points at 1,600.9 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index up 24.52 points at 2,718.02.

In New York, US financial markets were pressured yesterday by worries that interest rates were heading higher in Japan and West Germany and concern over another steep rise in Chicago Commodity Futures.

**Decline**  
Wall Street dropped from its post-crash peak reached at the Wednesday close, as the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 20.98 points to 2,110.42 shortly before midday. Volume was modest at 69 million shares and declines led advances by better than two to one.

The bond market decline was even steeper as the key 30-year bond skidded over a point, or \$11 for each \$1,000 of face value,

driving its yield up to 8.94 per cent from 8.83 at Wednesday's close.

Oil prices eased but gold was steady.

The dollar opened at 1.7445 marks, down from 1.7540 at Wednesday's close, and at 125.80 yen versus 126.30.

Sentiment was dented by dollar selling by the Bundesbank, dealers said. Traders were reluctant to run counter to the Bundesbank, if it decides to keep trying to boost the mark's value.

A weak mark could push import prices in West Germany higher and fan inflation.

**GNP**  
A West German newspaper that said the Bundesbank would raise securities purchase rate next Tuesday added to interest rate worries.

"People here were nervous about what the Bundesbank is going to do with its weakening currency next," said Osamu Fukushima, Tokyo assistant manager of Mitsui Trust and Banking Company.

In addition, news that the first-quarter Japanese Gross National Product raced ahead at an annualised 11.3 per cent rate stoked fears of tighter monetary policy.

The combination of that intervention and increasing talk about higher interest rates overseas has taken the edge off the

dollar," said a dealer at a major US bank.

Another surge in US commodity futures prices also unnerved trading in stocks and bonds.

With dry weather continuing in the US farm region, agricultural commodities surged in Chicago. But a modest decline in oil futures tempered inflation concerns a bit.

In statements televised on the US Information Agency's satellite television system, US Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng said: "In another 10 days or two weeks the drought will become almost a catastrophe if we don't get some relief."

But Federal Reserve Board governor Wayne Angell said rising commodity prices do not necessarily indicate higher inflation over the longer term.

**Perspective**  
Angell told the independent Bankers Association that commodity price increases must be kept in perspective and that a rise in one sector could stimulate greater supply and lead to eventual slower price growth.

Share prices ended at a record high in Japan after Wall Street's Wednesday gain. The Nikkei index rose 53.80 points or 0.19 per cent, to 28,147.32.

In London, shares were lower in late trading. The Financial Times/Stock Exchange was down 8.8 points to 1,860.5.

## Qatar may borrow to finance North Field gas project

DOHA, June 17, (Reuters): The Gulf state of Qatar may make its debut in the international financial markets and borrow up to \$600 million to help bring on stream huge untapped gas reserves, bankers and diplomats said.

The cash-strapped emirate, hit by weak world oil prices, is pushing ahead with its North Field offshore gas project in a first phase of development expected to cost \$1.3 billion.

"It makes a lot of sense for Qatar to borrow in the government's name as they might get a better deal," one banker said. "We believe financial advisers are recommending this."

**Options**  
Bankers said state-owned Qatar General Petroleum Corp. (QGPC), responsible for the North Field project, and financial advisers First Boston Corp. were still working on options to finance the first phase of development.

But time is running out since drilling is due to start on August 15.

QGPC acting managing director Jaber Al Marri told Reuters in an interview on Tuesday: "We are thinking of asking for a loan, which is required by, say, early 1989."

He said the final mix between commercial borrowing and project financing was still being

evaluated and a decision would be taken within the next two months.

Some bankers believe Qatar is still reluctant to tie itself to commercial borrowing since the first phase of the gas project, due to come on stream in December 1990, will be used to meet local demand and generate minimal direct revenue.

**Lacks**  
But as the second smallest oil producer in OPEC, the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Qatar lacks funds to develop on its own what is believed to be the world's richest concentration of natural gas not associated with oil.

Oil industry sources said three Japanese, one South Korean and one Brazilian trading house earlier this month submitted separate project financing packages, each to raise about \$400 million.

**Loan**  
Bankers said the most likely financing scenario would be:

— A \$500 — to 600-million sovereign credit. The sum may be raised through one deal or divided into a series of small loans parcelled out to international banks.

— One of the \$400 million project packages offered by oil companies, which would include financing of equipment purchases in return for natural gas

liquids generated as a by-product from the first phase.

— A \$200 million bridging loan to be arranged by banks in the Gulf. Some bankers are sceptical, but others said some Bahrain and Qatar-based banks were working on the idea.

— Some of the 22 contracts to be awarded for the first phase might be financed by contractors. Although QGPC says bringing in finance is not a precondition for winning a deal, contractors have been lining up bank finance before bidding.

— QGPC may fund some of the cost from 30,000 barrels per day of oil earmarked since the beginning of the year.

— "We dedicated 30,000 barrels per day of oil (revenues) to cover the cost initially," Al Marri said.

**Emerging**  
In the Gulf, only Oman has emerged as a major sovereign borrower. Bankers say Qatar has not raised funds directly in the government's name, using state-owned companies instead.

The last major borrowing was by Qatar Petroleum Co. (QAPCO), an 84 per cent QGPC subsidiary which raised \$100 million through an eight-year loan in 1984.

Bankers said they believe Qatar may be reluctant to make a borrowing in the government's own name, preferring to borrow through QGPC.

## Japan's GNP grew by 4.9pc in 1987

TOKYO, June 17, (UPI): Buoyed by increased domestic demand and the strong yen, Japan's Gross National Product grew 4.9 per cent in fiscal 1987 in yen terms, exceeding the government's goal by almost one per cent.

The Economic Planning Agency said the Gross National Product, the total value of the nation's output of goods and services, equalled 316.61 trillion yen (\$23.33 billion) in the year ending March 31.

**Well beyond**  
Japan's GNP in fiscal 1986 totalled 301.68 trillion yen (\$24.1 trillion), up 2.6 per cent over the preceding year.

The 4.9 per cent 1987 growth rate was well beyond the goal set by the Japanese government of a 3.7 per cent.

GNP grew a net 2.7 per cent in the last quarter of fiscal 1987 for an annualised growth rate of 11.3 per cent, the highest expansion pace in 11 years.

**To expand**  
The GNP growth rate in dollar terms, which requires calculating on the basis of a daily fluctuating exchange rate, was not given.

"The bigger-than-expected growth was attributed mainly to the government's package designed to stimulate domestic

demand," a spokesman for the planning agency said. "The steep appreciation of the Japanese yen was another factor."

The government implemented a six trillion yen (\$48 billion) package in May last year in a bid to expand domestic demand and reduce the nation's trade surplus which hit a record \$82.6 billion in 1986.

The surplus declined to \$79.8 billion in 1987.

During the 1987 fiscal year, the dollar fell from 146.90 yen per dollar to 124.50 yen.

The stronger yen served to increase domestic consumption as Japanese consumers bought imports at record levels.

**Decline**  
The annualised growth rate for the last quarter of fiscal 1987 was the biggest since the GNP grew 11.7 per cent in the January-March period of 1977.

Domestic demand, which accounted for 2.9 per cent of the growth in the last quarter while exports accounted for a 0.1 per cent decline in GNP, underlining a shift of Japan's economic structure from export dependent to an economy led by domestic demand.

Consumer spending, which normally accounts for about 55

per cent of GNP, increased 2.6 per cent during the quarter for a record annualised rate of 10.9 per cent, topping the previous high of 10.7 per cent in the October-December period of 1978, the agency said.

Spending for public works projects jumped 10.8 per cent during the January-March period to 26.045 trillion yen (\$208.4 billion), the agency said.

Wage earners' income increased 2.5 per cent over a year ago to 171.92 trillion yen (\$1.38 trillion), following a 1.9 per cent rise in the preceding quarter.

Investment in industrial facilities and equipment by the private sector centring on manufacturers rose 3.6 per cent over the previous quarter, the officials said.

**Expansion**  
Construction of new houses began to level off and its expansion rate fell to 1.0 per cent from 1.2 per cent in the previous quarter, the officials said.

Exports and receipts from invisible trade increased 3.5 per cent from the previous quarter to 57.42 trillion yen (\$459.4 billion) while imports and payments for services grew 4.3 per cent to 53.415 trillion yen (\$427.3 billion), they said.

## UAE seeks production increase

## Kuwait wants condensates included in quota

KUWAIT'S Oil Minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa said in a statement published yesterday his country would seek at OPEC's next meeting to have condensates included in oil production quotas, despite opposition from Venezuela, a leading condensate producer.

The UAE Oil Minister, Mana Saeed Otaiba reiterated yesterday that his country would push for an increase in its production quota at the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' meeting in Vienna in November.

**Stormy**  
Both statements indicated the next OPEC meeting may be stormy with several differences emerging among the 13 members.

The Kuwaiti Oil Minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa said: "We will stick to our output quota of 996,000 barrels a day until the end of the year in compliance with the recent OPEC agreement."

At a meeting that ended on Tuesday, the 13-nation OPEC agreed to maintain an overall production ceiling of 15.06 million barrels a day in an effort to preserve the current benchmark price of \$18 a barrel.

"Kuwait will not increase its production of gas liquids in excess of its output quota," he said.

He criticised Venezuela's definition of crude oil, excluding condensates. Condensates are

hydrocarbon liquids derived from gas at the wellhead.

Venezuela says they should not be part of the crude oil production figures.

**Keenness**  
"We will stick to our quota because of our keenness (to preserve) OPEC unity, despite our position to the imprecise Venezuelan definition which fails to take into account interests of all member states," he said.

But, he warned, "Kuwait will adopt another attitude at the next ministerial conference if the Venezuelan definition is not replaced with a more scientific definition that includes gas condensates produced by the respective member states."

While in Vienna, Sheikh Khalifa said his country would consider exceeding its output quota by up to 300,000 barrels a day if OPEC endorses Venezuela's stand.

In Caracas, the Energy Ministry warned that Venezuela will not accept being pressured in a dispute with Kuwait and other OPEC members over condensate production.

**Deplorable**  
"Venezuela deplorable and finds strange the comments attributed to the Kuwaiti minister because it forces us to openly discuss matters discussed at a technical level within OPEC," the Venezuelan Energy Ministry said in a statement distributed on Thursday.

"Under no circumstances will Venezuela accept being subjected to pressures or threats of any kind," the Ministry said.

According to Venezuelan news reports, in 1987 Algeria was OPEC's leading condensate producer, with 355,000 barrels daily. Venezuela rated second, producing 150,000, and the UAE 135,000 barrels.

Otaiba, the UAE oil minister, spoke in Morocco where he was on a visit. His statement was also released in Abu Dhabi.

**Concern**  
He said his country's quota of 946,000 barrels a day "does not concern the UAE — the just and official UAE quota is 1.5 million barrels per day."

It was not immediately clear if Otaiba's statement meant that the UAE plans to violate its OPEC output quota before the November conference reviews the output figures.

**Rearrange**  
Meanwhile, in Jakarta, new OPEC Secretary General Subroto, Indonesia's former energy minister, says he plans to revamp the OPEC Secretariat and tour all 13 members of the organisation when he takes up his post on July 1.

"As a first step, I will introduce myself to all OPEC members and meet their heads of government," he told reporters after securing the agreement of President Suharto to his appointment.

Asked his priorities for the (OPEC) headquarters in Vienna, he identified three areas for action. "First, I would rearrange the Secretariat to make it work more efficiently."

"Second, create a new image for the organisation to outsiders through OPECNA or other media or by making more contacts. The third thing to do, in fact the most important one, is to maintain and strengthen unity among members."

OPECNA is OPEC's news agency, based in Vienna.

OPEC ministers agreed this week to appoint Subroto, Indonesia's energy minister for 10 years until his replacement in March, as the organisation's secretary general.

Subroto said that his previous experience and standing as a former minister would help him in his new job, and put him on an equal footing with OPEC oil ministers.

"Never before has there been a secretary general that has a ministerial rank."

"We can view this as something that can give greater value to OPEC. In fact a secretary general should be a minister or an ambassador, because many of

his activities are diplomatic. So there needs to be a man who has wide diplomatic experience."

Asked if he could help in maintaining output discipline by members, he said he would try a flexible approach.

"Considering human relations and the fact that we are among colleagues, I believe the secretary general can be more flexible in approaching them."

"But there is no sanction that the organisation can impose (on those who flout quotas). With a personal approach, it is expected that they will understand and that we can work things out," Subroto added.

He said there needed to be a general improvement in the way OPEC was organised. "Relations between the secretary general and the OPEC countries should be better formulated," he said without elaborating.

**Maximum**  
He said he thought the OPEC conference in Vienna this week had secured the maximum it could have done in the circumstances by agreeing a rollover of the previous output agreement.

"Looking at the situation, it seems that the meeting has come out with a maximum result. A rollover. If (what has been agreed) is really implemented, there may be a positive effect on prices, although price (recovery) is not as fast as it would be if there were a (new) production quota."

## Decline in number of new houses being built in US

WASHINGTON, June 17, (Reuters): The building of new houses in the United States fell a sharp 12.2 per cent in May to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.384 million units, the Commerce Department said today.

Permits for future construction also fell in the month, dropping 1.5 per cent to 1.427 million units, the agency said.

The decline in housing starts was much larger than financial analysts had expected. The forecasts had ranged from slightly down to slightly up.

The May decline was the largest since December 1987 when starts dropped by 15.8 per cent, the Department said. But April starts were revised upward to show an increase of 3.1 per cent instead of a 0.5 per cent rise previously reported.

Economists have said they expected rising mortgage interest rates to have an impact on housing construction. Mortgage rates have risen to around 10.5 per cent for a 30-year fixed rate loan from just below 10 per cent in the spring.

Many analysts expect continued upward pressure on US interest rates as continued economic growth and the drought which has ravaged crops in the Midwest add to inflation worries.

## UK annual inflation rate rises in May

LONDON, June 17, (AP): Britain's annual rate of inflation rose in May from 3.9 per cent to 4.2 per cent, its highest level since October 1987, the government said today.

The Department of Employment, which compiled the data, said higher clothing and food prices pushed the government's retail price index up 0.4 of a percentage between April and May.

The annual rate measures the percentage rise in consumer prices over a 12-month period.

## World Bank official studies Kuwait economy

A KUWAITI official at the World Bank is currently visiting Kuwait on a mission to look for information about the past 30 years of the Kuwaiti economy as part of a comprehensive study undertaken by the world organisation.

He is looking for wide-ranging details pertaining to the crises that hit the local market and the effects of these crises on the pace of economic activities in Kuwait.

**Commissioned**  
The mission of Fawzi Al Sultan, an executive director at the World Bank, is part of a wider study commissioned by the World Bank to examine the role of economic problems in local markets and their effect on internal and external economic development.

Speaking to KUNA while he was here, Al Sultan, who represents 11 Arab countries at the World Bank and other financial institutions, said one chronic problem the study will intensively deal with is foreign debts.

Foreign debts, he said, is a local problem but has an international scope, especially when total foreign debts in the world are at a staggering level (hundreds of billions of dollars).

Other major topics on the outline of the study include studying local borrowing, stock market crashes, economic indicators, banks activities and anything else of direct relevance.

Asked to shed light on the share of the Arab group in the activities of the World Bank (the largest international lending institution), Al Sultan explained that Arab countries maintain a prominent presence in the bank and its affiliates and their total financial contributions reach a level of nine per cent of the total budget.

**Concerns**  
Concerns about security intensified following news from Manila where a Japanese diplomat said a suspected member of the Japanese Red Army had been arrested and that he might have been setting up a base for an attack on the summit.

On Canadian Television, Kohl meanwhile endorsed the view of his host, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of Canada, that the regular summits of the seven leading non-communist industrial powers have turned into too much of a media jamboree with not enough real business.

"If thousands of people are meeting and heaps of paper are being produced which heads of government are unable to read, this doesn't make sense," he said.

**Promises**  
Mulroney is pressing for more informal sessions at this 14th economic summit since 1975 when President Valery Giscard d'Estaing of France conceived the idea of regular summit "seminars" on economic and other global issues.

## Bundesbank raises REPO interest rates

FRANKFURT, June 17, (AP): The Bundesbank has decided to raise the interest rate on its security repurchase (REPO) agreements by 0.25 per cent, a West German financial newspaper said yesterday.

The West German central bank has kept the rate constant at 3.25 per cent since Nov 24 of last year as an indication of its policy of stable interest rates and ample money-market liquidity.

**Stirred**  
But an article in the West German economic daily Handelsblatt said the Bundesbank's policymaking central bank council decided at its Wednesday meeting to hike the rate to 3.50 per cent effective next Tuesday.

A Bundesbank spokesman said he could neither confirm nor deny the report.

Financial markets in the United States were stirred by speculation about an increase in the West German REPO rate.

On the US bond market, interest rates surged and bonds plunged in value, with long-term issues taking the biggest hit. The yield on the Treasury's closely watched 30-year bond jumped to 8.94 per cent from 8.83 per cent late Wednesday, while it fell \$12.50 per \$1,000 in face value.

Share prices also dropped on Wall Street, reverberating from the decline in bond prices.

A top West German banking official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said several developments have made the situation ripe for an increase, by the Bundesbank in the REPO rate.

The official listed those developments as a rise in interest rates in the United States and other countries, a widening gap between German long-term and short-term rates, a climbing dollar, and a weakening West German mark.

## Few major initiatives will be taken

## Summit leaders start gathering in Toronto

TORONTO, June 17, (Reuters): Security measures unprecedented in a city that prides itself on being one of the safest in North America greeted leaders arriving today for the Toronto economic summit.

Troops deployed at Pearson international airport to guard West Germany's Chancellor Helmut Kohl, the first to arrive. Helicopters hovered over the downtown convention centre where the leaders will confer.

Concerns about security intensified following news from Manila where a Japanese diplomat said a suspected member of the Japanese Red Army had been arrested and that he might have been setting up a base for an attack on the summit.

On Canadian Television, Kohl meanwhile endorsed the view of his host, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of Canada, that the regular summits of the seven leading non-communist industrial powers have turned into too much of a media jamboree with not enough real business.

"If thousands of people are meeting and heaps of paper are being produced which heads of government are unable to read, this doesn't make sense," he said.

**Promises**  
Mulroney is pressing for more informal sessions at this 14th economic summit since 1975 when President Valery Giscard d'Estaing of France conceived the idea of regular summit "seminars" on economic and other global issues.

This three-day summit, starting on Sunday and President Reagan's last before he leaves office in January, promises few major initiatives although government officials say some action may be taken to alleviate the debt of the poorest sub-Saharan nations.

The United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada are the participants.

Kohl was questioned on the morning "Canada AM" television show, taped yesterday, about Mulroney's hopes that the summit will hasten progress towards dismantling subsidies paid to farmers in the European Economic Community, the United States and other affluent nations.

"We have a problem of over-production in the world and the European Economic Community. At the same time, we have starvation and famine in other parts of the world," Kohl said.

"But we are hopeful, we are confident that in three, four, five years we will have reduced production. What matters most is that we consult with each other," Kohl added.

**Subsidies**  
Kohl, however, gave no hint that West Germans have adopted a more accommodating attitude towards US demands for an agreement to phase out all subsidies by the year 2000.

Subsidies are estimated to cost taxpayers and consumers in the affluent world at least \$100 billion a year while they create surpluses that weigh on world markets and depress prices to farmers in many poorer regions.

The United States and Britain favour faster cuts than West Germany and France, both with many small farmers forming a

strong political lobby. Canada hopes to mediate.

"What we are trying to do, as Canada, is draw together the very major differences that are between the Americans and Europeans," Canadian Finance Minister Michael Wilson said on television.

Little is expected from this summit on global economic issues.

**Upset**  
Officials have said the leaders will be wary of saying anything that might upset financial markets which are suddenly jittery about apparent dangers of higher inflation and of interest rates being put up to dampen that danger.

A 37-point fall in the Dow Jones Industrial Average on Wall Street yesterday illustrated the market nervousness.

Away from economic affairs, the United States favours a new accord to combat terrorism. Secretary of State George Shultz said earlier this week he would like an agreement that would mean no government allowed a hijacked airliner, once landed, to take off again.

To protect the summit leaders, Canadian authorities have brought in 3,000 troops and police.

The security problem is compounded by the fact that the summit is being held in a convention complex in the city centre with the leaders scattered in several hotels.

Steel mesh and concrete barriers cordoned the area, guarded by agents of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the federal security force.

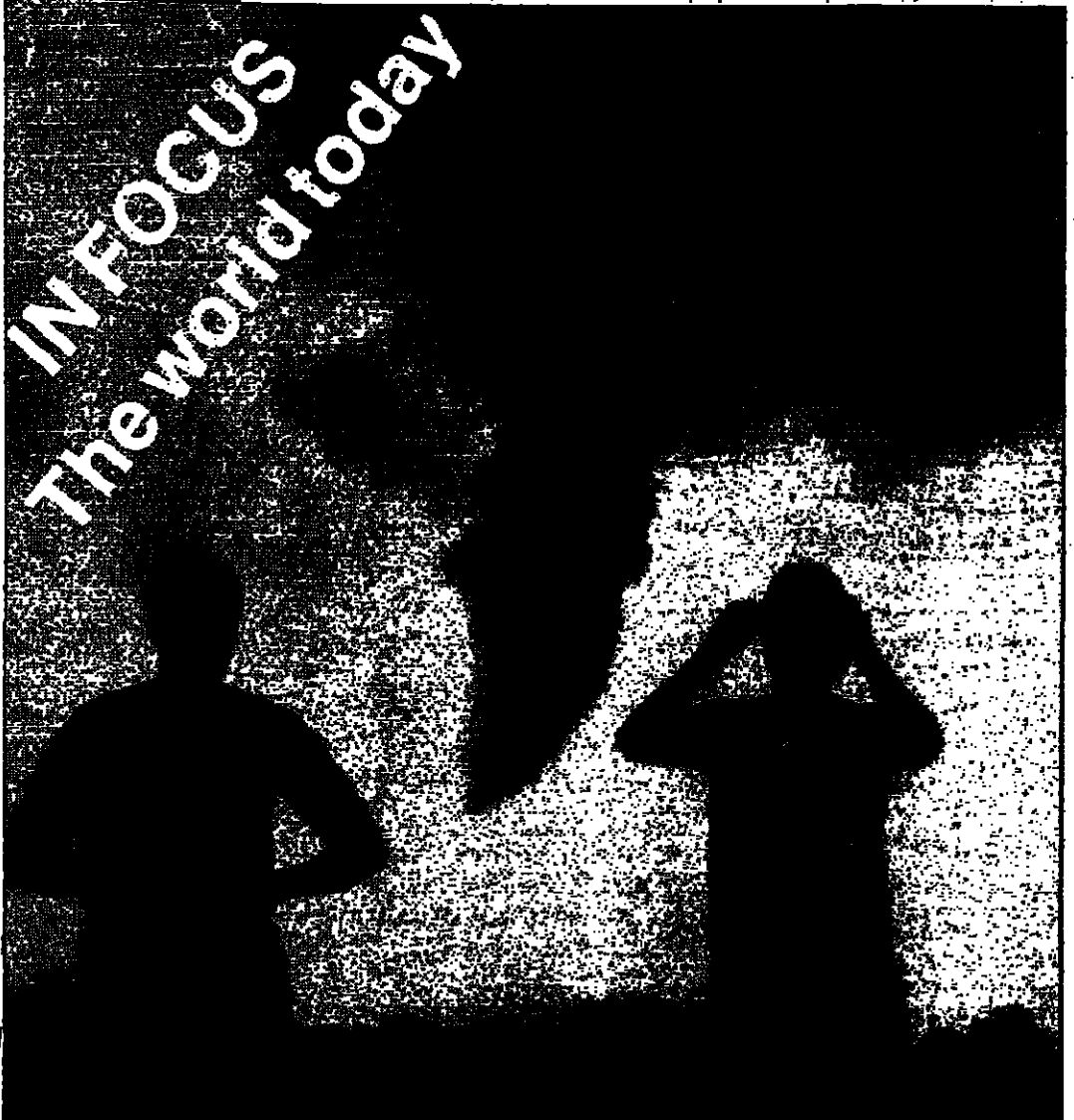
The police made unusually diligent checks of the faces of pass-holders against the photographs on their identity

badges. A helicopter-borne rapid task group is on stand-by, and the security operation is costing \$5 million.

Meanwhile, in Washington, a top government official



**IN FOCUS**  
The world today



RESIDENTS of northeast Denver watch as a tornado forms near the Denver airport on Wednesday. The tornado injured seven people and caused minor damage. (Reuter wirephoto)



SAUDI ARABIAN Crown Prince Abdullah (centre) with Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana at London's Kensington Palace, where the royal couple hosted a dinner for the Saudi visitor. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITAIN'S Duchess of York, who is expecting her first baby, wears a sailor's suit as she rides an open carriage at Royal Ascot, west of London on Wednesday. Beside her is her grandmother. (Reuter wirephoto)



FORMER British secret agent Peter Wright with a cheque for \$300,000 he received from his publishers as part of his royalty payments for the book Spycatcher. (Reuter wirephoto)



AMERICAN movie star Sylvester Stallone shaking hands with Japanese sumo wrestling grand champion Chiyonofuji (left) during a visit at a sumo stable in Tokyo yesterday. Stallone flew into Tokyo on Wednesday to promote his new movie, 'Rambo III'. (Reuter wirephoto)



MORE than 15,000 pigeons live freely at the Damascus Omayyad mosque, one of the oldest Muslim shrines in the world. The pigeons feed on cereals consecrated by people who want their wishes to materialise. (Reuter wirephoto)



FORENSIC experts check through the rubble of the bomb blast that killed six British soldiers in Lisburn, near Belfast. Four soldiers died instantly when their van exploded in a ball of fire after they attended a charity run. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE Iranian flag seen fluttering on Thursday after it was hoisted at its Paris embassy, for the first time in 11 months after the two countries restored diplomatic relations. (Reuter wirephoto)



FRENCHMAN Philippe Poupon celebrates his winning of the 1988 Carlsberg solo trans-Atlantic race. Poupon took 10 days, nine hours and 15 minutes to sail from Plymouth, England. (Reuter wirephoto)



ARGENTINA'S Gabriela Sabatini, dressed in a mini-skirt, dances with Roxy's mascot 'Mr Peabody' during the players' party for Pilkington Tennis championship. (Reuter wirephoto)



BLACK-CLAD South Korean police commandos demonstrate their anti-terrorist techniques and fire-power at a training camp in Seoul as they prepare for the Seoul Summer Olympics. (Reuter wirephoto)



PHILIPPINE Air Force Sergeant Henry Olalla is being pulled out of his jeep by police officers after suspected communist hitmen on Thursday gunned him down in front of a market in the Manila suburb of Calocan. Olalla was the third law officer shot by alleged communist assassins in the Manila area last week. (Reuter wirephoto)



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SPORTS

# Pistons outclass Lakers

PONTIAC, Mich., June 17. (Reuters) The Detroit Pistons overcame a red-hot Lakers start to score a 104-94 win over Los Angeles yesterday and move within one victory of the National Basketball Association Championship.

Los Angeles rushed out to a 12-0 lead at the start but Detroit maintained their poise and battled back defensively to take three games to two lead in the best-of-seven series.

**Assists**

Adrian Dantley led the Pistons with 25 points and Joe Dumars had 19, while star playmaker Isiah Thomas scored 15 and contributed eight assists despite an ailing back.

"We picked up our defensive intensity — even when they got off in front we never were worried," said Thomas. Detroit have held opponents to under 100 points in 14 of the last 17 games.

The series now returns to Los Angeles where the Lakers need to sweep games six and seven, on Sunday and Tuesday if necessary, if they are to become the first title holders to repeat as champions since the 1968-69 Boston Celtics.

For the Lakers, 41-year-old centre Kareem Abdul-Jabbar had 26 points and Earvin "Magic" Johnson scored 15 with 17 assists.

Los Angeles scored the game's first dozen points and led 15-2 before Detroit ran off a 13-4 spurt to get back into it.

The Lakers led 30-27 after the first quarter but the Pistons took control in the next 12 minutes, outscoring the Lakers 32-20 as only Johnson and Jabbar scored for the visitors.

**Lead**

At the end of three quarters, despite a furious Los Angeles rally, the Pistons still led 81-75.

James Worthy, who had gone out midway in the first quarter with three quick fouls, returned to spark the rally, but Worthy's foul trouble limited his playing time and he finished with just 14 points.

In the final quarter, the Lakers were visibly tired and never got closer than eight points.

"We have put an awful lot of pressure on the Lakers," said Thomas. "They have to win the two at home and I don't think they can do it."

Los Angeles coach Pat Riley blamed the fouls.

**Attack**

"The key was both Worthy and (AC) Green getting into foul trouble early. When Worthy's not in there our attack becomes a half-court, walk-the-ball-up type of game. Jabbar was wonderful but we have to keep Worthy in the game."

Pistons coach Chuck Daly wants to go for a quick kill.

**Baseball games**

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## ENGLISH FA WITHDRAW APPLICATION FOR RETURN TO EUROPE

# Britain cracks down on soccer thugs

LONDON, June 17. (Reuters) Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher drew up a five-point plan with key advisers yesterday to stamp out football hooliganism she has said is blighting Britain's reputation in Europe.

Thatcher summoned advisers to her official Downing Street residence for talks just after the Football Association (F.A.), English soccer's governing body, announced it had withdrawn an application for English clubs to return to European soccer.

**Damage**

Clashes this week between rampaging groups of rival fans at the European Football Championships in West Germany fuelled government concern over the damage done to Britain's standing abroad and the soaring social and economic cost of soccer-related violence at home.

Home Secretary Douglas Hurd told reporters after the 75-minute meeting that the plan was addressing the question of whether British teams should continue to take part in international competitions.

Other possible measures included:

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A British soccer fan (right), bleeding from the neck, is helped away by medical personnel (Reuters wirephoto).

On Tuesday, Thatcher told parliament soccer hooliganism was a disgrace to civilised society which threatened the future of football as a spectator sport.

Yesterday's meeting was set

up on Monday, prompted by violence the previous night after England's loss to Ireland in the side's opening European Championship match in Stuttgart.

Thatcher asked Sports Minister Colin Moynihan, who attended the match, to give her a full report with Home Secretary Douglas Hurd and Environment Secretary Nicholas Ridley also present.

In the last 24 hours, Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe and Attorney General Sir Patrick Mayhew were also asked to attend as new clashes pitted English, Dutch and West German supporters against one another in Dusseldorf.

Moynihan attended England's defeat by the Netherlands on Wednesday in Dusseldorf and said afterwards a tough package of measures would be put to Thatcher. He said hardened English hooligans were at the centre of the trouble in West Germany and called them "worse than animals".

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## Irish challenge Dutch for semifinal spot

GELESENKIRCHEN, West Germany, June 17. (Reuters) Ireland, the surprise successes of the European Championship, will be hoping their luck rides the perilous number 13 tomorrow and they can defy the stars of the Netherlands to clinch a semifinal place.

The Irish aim to extend their impressive unbeaten run to 13 games to guarantee a berth in the last four following their 1-0 defeat of England and 1-1 draw with the Soviet Union in Group Two.

**Displayed**

But they face their most demanding test against the Dutch, who displayed the form which made them pre-tournament favourites when they beat England 3-1 in Dusseldorf on Wednesday.

Ireland will need to keep a particularly close watch on sharpshooter Marco van Basten, who celebrated his recall from the reserves by scoring all three goals against England, and European Footballer of the Year Ruud Gullit, mainspring of the Dutch attack.

The AC Milan duo could give the Irish defence a torrid time and may force goalkeeper Pat Bonner into the sort of heroics he performed against England.

But Ireland are confident their spirit will see them through. "We



Soviet Igor Belanov (right) jumps over an Irish player during the Ireland-Soviet Union match on Wednesday (Reuters wirephoto).

needn't be afraid. Our enthusiasm will help us against Holland," Ireland captain Frank Stapleton said.

Dutch team chief Rinus Michels said: "They are difficult to figure out because they don't pace themselves but play at full

steam for 90 minutes."

The Dutch stayed in contention with their win over England and need to go for another victory to ensure a semifinal place following their opening 1-0 defeat by the Soviet Union.

If England beat the Russians, a draw would be enough for the Dutch, and the Irish could sustain a modest defeat and still qualify. But that eventually does not figure in the calculations of managers Michels and Jack Charlton.

Irish midfielder Paul McGrath, who missed the game against the Soviet Union because of a knee injury, has trained hard but Charlton will wait until shortly before kick-off before revealing whether he will play or not.

Otherwise, both sides are expected to be unchanged.

**Probable teams:**

Ireland - Pat Bonner: Chris Morris, Mick McCarthy, Kevin Moran, Chris Hughton: Ray Houghton, Paul McGrath, Robbie Whelan, Tony Galvin: John Aldridge, Frank Stapleton.

Netherlands - Hans van Breukelen: Berry van Aerle, Frank Rijkaard, Ronald Koeman, Adrie van Tiggelen: Gerald, Vaneburg, Jan Wouters, Arnold Mühren, Erwin Koeman: Ruud Gullit, Marco van Basten.

## Aouita to boycott Moroccan events

RABAT, June 17. (Reuters) Morocco's 5,000 metres world and Olympic champion Said Aouita was quoted today as saying he would not compete again in his home country following a row with state television.

In an interview published by the Rabat daily Al Alam, Aouita, who holds world records at 1,500, 2,000 and 5,000 metres and two miles, said: "I will not take part in any future competitions in Morocco."

He said the state network RTM had failed to honour its

commitment to broadcast last Saturday's international meeting in Casablanca where he tried to better his two-mile record.

"The RTM pays huge sums to broadcast international football and tennis events... but it did not cover our event which had international athletics stars like Steve Cram and Calvin Smith," he told Al Alam.

**Return**

Saturday's competition, the first of its kind in Morocco, coincided with the return of King

Hassan from the Arab summit in Algiers which was covered live by RTM. But RTM did not screen the athletics event later in the day.

According to yesterday's edition of the Rabat daily L'Opinion, RTM had demanded payment to cover the meeting because it had been financed by sponsors.

Aouita's record attempt on Saturday was marred when someone walked through the electronic chronometer beam as he came up to the last straight.

## England win

SUVA, June 17. (Reuters) England ran in three fine tries as they powered their way to an easy 25-12 Test win over Fiji at the Suva National stadium yesterday.

In a disciplined performance, the powerful England team wore down the Fijians and won the ball in most rucks, mauls and lineouts on a pitch made slippery by early heavy rains.

Temper frayed during the closing stages and Fiji forward Mosesa Taga was sent off after exchanging blows with England flanker Gary Rees.

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## Dasayev could be fit to lead Soviet Union

FRANKFURT, West Germany, June 17. (Reuters) Soviet goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev could lead his team's bid for a place in the semifinals of the European Championship when they meet England here tomorrow after fears that he might take no further part in the tournament.

Yesterday, the Soviet Union approached UEFA's organising committee for permission to make first use of a new rule allowing them to fly in a third goalkeeper from Moscow as a replacement.

**Better**

But today spokesman Mikhail Oshmekov told Reuters: "We have not brought in another goalkeeper. We think Dasayev will play. He is feeling much better."

The Spartak Moscow star limped off with a damaged knee during the 1-1 draw with Ireland in Hanover on Wednesday. He was immediately ruled out of the final Group Two match and was later said to be unfit to take any further part in the tournament.

Oshmekov said Dasayev's injury was only bruising and he was expected to take part in a training session at the Soviet Union's isolated headquarters near Stuttgart today before travelling to Frankfurt's Waldstadion to face England, already eliminated after two defeats.

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not make any experimental team changes. England owed it to the other teams in the tournament to play their strongest side in their final match, he said.

Midfielder Trevor Steven is Robson's only doubt with a bruised knee, but is expected to be fit.

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## Lyle shares first-round lead in US Open

BROOKLINE, Mass., June 17. (Reuters) Sandy Lyle of Britain birdied two of the last three holes yesterday to share the first-round lead in the US Open golf championship with Americans Bob Gilder and Mike Nicolette.

Lyle, the reigning US Masters champion, carded a three-under-par 68 to match early starters Gilder and Nicolette, two players for whom golf has not been much fun at times.

"I squeezed as much out of it as I could," Lyle said after a scrambling round that included four birdies, one bogey and at least three good par saves.

"I'm really surprised that three-under is leading," added Lyle, who has three victories in this country already this year and leads in earnings with more than \$800,000.

Lyle, the 1985 British Open champion, was off to his best start of the five US Opens he has played, despite missing 10 fairways off the tee.

"I'm very disappointed in my US Open performance," Lyle admitted. "Obviously, I want to do well in all the majors this year."

Lyle, the English-born son of a Scottish golf professional, is the only golfer left this year with a chance to win the Grand Slam — a sweep of golf's four major championships — but he does not like to talk about it.

"It is possible but I don't fancy the odds," he said after taking a strong first step toward winning



Lyle: hit three-under-par 68

the second of the majors.

In addition to six one-putts for birdies or saves, Lyle also chipped in from under a tree for a birdie on the 453-yard 11 hole — one of the toughest on the course.

Lyle, all the top finishers used hot putters and remarkable chipping to prevail over a golf course that yielded only 11 sub-

Nicolette, who does not play on the regular tour and admits to struggling to make a living in golf, had nine one-putt greens — four for birdies and five for pars.

Just one stroke behind the leaders were defending champion Scott Simpson, 1987 US Masters champion Larry Mize, Steve Ballesteros of Spain, a two-time winner of both the Masters and the British Open, and Americans Paul Azinger and Dick Mast.

Ballesteros, fresh off a victory in the Westchester Classic on Sunday, put on one of the most impressive putting performances of the day. He sank single putts five times for birdie and six times for par, including on the last four holes.

**Favourite**

"It was a matter of luck today," admitted Ballesteros, who was a heavy pre-tournament favourite.

"Hopefully, I will play better tomorrow so I won't have to work so hard around the greens," he added.

Lurking just two shots behind the leaders were Lanny Wadkins, Curtis Strange and Craig Stadler, the 1982 Masters champion.

Those were the only players to break par on the 7,010-yard championship course at the Country Club on a hot, hazy day that became increasingly breezy as thunder showers approached the area just west of Boston.

Nine players matched par,

including 1974 Open champion Hale Irwin, former Masters champion Ben Crenshaw and Isao Aoki of Japan, who lost the 1980 Open in a memorable head-on duel with Jack Nicklaus.

Nick Faldo of Britain, the reigning British Open champion, and Nick Price of South Africa were among a big group of players at one-over 72.

Among those shooting 73 were Mark McNulty of Zimbabwe, Rodger Davis of Australia and Chen Tze-Chung of Taiwan, who nearly won the 1985 US Open.

Australian Greg Norman, another of the top favourites, struggled to a 74.

"I putted pathetically," the 1986 British Open champion said. "I missed a lot of 10-footers for par and you have to make those. I was lucky to shoot three-over."

Joining Norman at 74 were former US Open champions Jack Nicklaus, playing in a record 32nd consecutive Open, Tom Watson, Andy North and Tommy Nakajima of Japan.

Former Masters champion Bernhard Langer of West Germany, who has been bothered by a bad back recently, was in a large contingent at 75.

Former Open champions Gary Player of South Africa and David Graham of Australia were at 77, along with Denis Watson of South Africa, Wayne Grady of Australia and Masashi (Jumbo) Ozaki of Japan.



● A Canada Dry player (above) scores against RLC in their Filipino basketball Group B game yesterday. Below: Kuwait Regency and KAI players go up for the rebound. Both the matches were held at the Keifan stadium.



## Senna returns to scene of past triumphs

DETROIT, June 17. (Reuters) Ayrton Senna is set once again to demonstrate his mastery of the streets of Detroit as the city that is synonymous with motor manufacture plays host to the fastest cars in the world in the US Grand Prix on Sunday.

The 28-year-old Brazilian is going for his third consecutive victory in "motor city" — no one else has won more than once in



## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Eastbourne tennis

EASTBOURNE, England, June 17. (UPI): Martina Navratilova reached the final of the \$250,000 Eastbourne women's tennis tournament, today, lining up a rematch with Soviet teenager Natalia Zvereva, who ousted her from the French Open three weeks ago. Navratilova looked relaxed and confident as she downed American 16-year-old Mary Joe Fernandez 6-2, 6-3 in their semifinal match, while Zvereva was taken to three sets by Frenchwoman Pascale Paradis, winning 6-1, 2-6, 6-2.

## Ascot races

ASCOT, England, June 17. (Reuters): Veteran Willie Carson took the riding honours on the final day of the four-day Royal Ascot meeting today, Carson, 46, landed the big race double on Almoor in the Hardwicke Stakes (6-1) and Chibang (16-1) in the King's Stand Stakes.

## So's voyage

GWEEK, England, June 17. (AP): British adventurer Geoff Cooper set off today on a renewed attempt to become the first person to row a boat solo around the world.

## Tennis legends

BARCELONA, Spain, June 17. (UPI): Tennis legends Ken Rosewall of Australia and American Dennis Ralston are among the veterans signed to play in a Grand Masters tournament this week, organizers said yesterday.

## Pakistan win

NAIROBI, Kenya, June 17. (AP): Pakistan defeated Canada 5-2 yesterday in the 11th preliminary match of a pre-Olympic hockey tournament at the City Park stadium.

## World records

PEKING, June 17. (Reuters): Chinese weightlifters set three world records as they swept all six flyweight and bantamweight gold medals on the first day of the Asian Championships in Xilong yesterday.

## QPR held

TAEJON, South Korea, June 17. (Reuters): A late equaliser by striker Michael Obi earned Nigerian team Inuanyanwu a deserved 1-1 draw with English First Division side Queens Park Rangers in their opening President's Cup soccer match today.

## Rugby Test

BUENOS AIRES, June 17. (Reuters): France and Argentina both begin a new Rugby Union era when they clash in the first Test here tomorrow.

## Olympic torches

SYDNEY, Australia, June 17. (AP): Runners bearing Olympic torches are to light a chain of bonfires stretching 10,000 miles around the continent's coastline in a blazing tribute to Australia's bicentennial.

## S. African boxer

DURBAN, South Africa, June 17. (Reuters): South African boxer Brian Baront, in a coma since being knocked out in a fight on Tuesday, is brain-dead but his family want him kept alive on life-support systems, a hospital spokesman said yesterday.

## Henley Regatta

LONDON, June 17. (AP): British Olympic gold medalists Andy Holmes and Steve Redgrave lead a record entry of 386 for the Henley Royal Regatta starting on June 30, organisers said yesterday.

## Brazilian team

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, June 17. (AP): The Brazilian Soccer Confederation on Wednesday named a team of 20 players who will travel to Australia, Norway, Sweden and Austria for exhibition games over the next two months.

## Togo withdraw

ZURICH, June 17. (Reuters): Togo have pulled out of the preliminary competition for the 1990 World Cup soccer tournament in Italy, the International Football Federation (FIFA) said yesterday.

## Major operation

TOKYO, June 17. (Reuters): Japanese police said today they will mount a major operation to protect foreign athletes practising here for the Seoul Olympic against possible terrorist attacks.

## Uruguayan star

BUENOS AIRES, June 17. (Reuters): Uruguay's World Cup soccer defender Nelson Gutierrez will join Italian Second Division side Lazio in the latest move of an overhaul at Argentine giants River Plate, the Buenos Aires club said yesterday.

## W. INDIES HIT BACK AFTER BEING DISMISSED FOR 209

## Six-wicket Marshall routs England

LONDON, June 17. (Reuters): Malcolm Marshall showed again today why he is regarded as the best fast bowler in the world with a six-wicket haul that destroyed England's first innings and put West Indies in command of the second Test at Lord's.

In 10 overs in the afternoon, he took five wickets at a personal cost of only 13 runs as England plunged to 165 all out, 44 behind West Indies' first innings 209.

By close of play on a day shortened by several stoppages for bad light, West Indies had scored 16 without loss in their second innings with Gordon Greenidge on 12 and Desmond Haynes four.

**Swept**  
England lost their last eight wickets for 53 runs, their last seven for 36, as Marshall swept aside the brittle batting with a masterly display of quick bowling.

His dismissal of opener Graham Gooch best illustrated the Barbadian's superb control.

After Gooch had doggedly reached 44 after more than three hours at the crease, he was beaten by an away swinger and lucky not to get a touch.

The next ball Marshall pitched in exactly the same spot, but this



Marshall: one-man demolition squad

time the ball moved in off the seam to confound Gooch totally and bowl him between bat and pad.

That left England on 129 for four and none of the remaining batsmen were able to stop the rot.

Marshall, who had taken the wicket of England's other opener Chris Broad for nothing the previous evening, quickly added those of Allan Lamb, Paul Downton, Paul Jarvis and Graham Dilley and in doing so took five

or more wickets in a Test innings for the 17th time in his career.

His one-man demolition job also halted England in their tracks as they appeared poised to take a useful first innings lead following Dilley's five for 55 on the first day.

Although Martyn Moxon, was caught by captain Viv Richards in the slips for 26 off Curtly Ambrose in the morning session, England passed the century mark for the loss of only two wickets and looked set to overhaul the West Indies total.

Gooch, scorer of over 1,000 runs in 10 first-class innings this season, became bogged down against the all-pace attack, but David Gower flashed 20 runs from his first 13 deliveries.

However his dismissal by Courtney Walsh for 44 to make the total 112 for three signalled a dramatic change in fortunes.

Gooch followed 17 runs later and the lengthy England tail offered no further resistance.

Marshall wrapped up the innings in style, having Jarvis caught at mid-on for seven off a slower ball and then bowling last man Dilley with a wicked delivery that clipped the top of the off stump.

That left Marshall poised on a

hat-trick when England begin their second innings, a fact that will hardly escape Broad when he returns to the crease facing a 'pair'.

## Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings 209 (G. Logie 81, J. Dujon 53, G. Dilley five for 55, G. Small four for 64)

ENGLAND first innings (overnight 20 for one)

G. Gooch b Marshall 44  
C. Broad lbw b Marshall 26  
M. Moxon c Richards b Ambrose 26  
D. Gower c sub b Walsh 46  
A. Lamb lbw b Marshall 10  
D. Pringle c Dujon b Walsh 1  
P. Downton lbw b Marshall 11  
J. Emburey b Patterson 7  
G. Small not out 5  
P. Jarvis c Haynes b Marshall 7  
G. Dilley c Marshall 8  
Extras (lb-6 ub-2) 165  
Total (all out) 129

Fall of wickets: 1-13 2-58 3-112 4-129 5-134 6-140 7-153 8-157 9-165

Bowling: Marshall 16-5-32-6, Patterson 13-3-52-1, Ambrose 12-1-39-1, Walsh 16-6-36-2.

WEST INDIES second innings

G. Greenidge not out 12  
D. Haynes not out 4  
Extras 0  
Total 16

Bowling to date: Dilley 3.2-8-13-0, Small 3-0-3-0.

## Bin Sulayem wins Jordan Rally

By Gail Seery in Amman

MOHAMMED BIN SULAYEM took his third win of this year's Middle East Championship, with a closely fought, six minutes seven seconds victory over Qatar veteran Saeed Al Hajri, in the Jordan Rally which ended yesterday. Prince Abdullah took third place, a full 23 minutes behind Hajri. Stromberg was fourth in a Saab, and Halabi took fifth place in a Nissan 240RS.

The rally was one of the most exciting rounds of the championship, with the lead passing backwards and forwards between three different drivers throughout. The drivers battled between themselves over three days, in some of the world's most impressive scenery.

**Predicted**  
Disaster struck for David Llewellyn of Wales in the first 50m of the first stage, when the Audi Quattro A2 sustained a puncture. Llewellyn and British navigator Phil Short stopped immediately to change it, losing three minutes and falling straight back to eighth place. As predicted by Bin Sulayem, Hajri took the lead and held it for the rest of the leg — but only just. Llewellyn excelled on the fast tarmac stages held around Jerash to the north of Jordan, and by the end of that evening, was already back to within a few seconds.

Bin Sulayem was back in fourth place, and was complaining of poor traction. He had brake failure on the first stage. "It was very frightening. We went off five or six times and we are lucky to make it back," he said. Third place was held by Ola Stromberg, with Prince Abdullah in slot 5.

On the last stage of the leg, Saeed Al Hajri's Rothmans Audi Quattro A2 had fuel pump problems. Those were to be repaired after leaving par ferme for the start of leg 2. Repairs took longer than expected and Al Hajri incurred a 5-minute penalty which gave the lead to Llewellyn, and put him second on the road.

**Least**  
Sulayem had promised to make up a good deal of time on the desert stages, but was destined to be disappointed. Because many of the stages had been suffered before the event, they no longer suited the Celica, and he still found traction a big problem.

Llewellyn, driving for the first time ever in the Middle East put in some spectacular driving. It was a great pleasure to see a man of this calibre competing alongside the region's best drivers.

However, once again he was to

hit problems. The front left tyre blew, taking with it the wing, and filling the car with dust. On the following stage he lost the bonnet as well, and there were doubts whether officials would allow him to continue after parc ferme at Petra.

This was to prove the least of his worries. "In stage 17 we had the wheel studs start to pull through a wheel and stopped to change it. Then the engine wouldn't restart. We were in a hollow so we couldn't radio for help. We tried everything, but the car still wouldn't start. It eventually fired up and ran roughly for a minute and again stopped. I kept trying the starter and it fired up again, enough to drive out of the stage finish — we were messing about in there for about an hour and a half," said Llewellyn.

Sulayem now held the lead, which he lengthened progressively throughout the remaining stages of the leg. By the end of the evening, he had taken an apparently sound 5-minute lead over Hajri, and was talking of playing it safe the following day. Although the time difference could be completely accounted for by Hajri's time penalty earlier in the day, Hajri had also suffered a broken gearbox, which was repaired in a staggering twenty minutes, and broke the stint on his car.

Hajri said that he was sure not only that his problems were over, but that he could also take back the lead the following day. His British navigator Steve Bond predicted that the difference at the end of the rally could well be a matter of seconds.

It was thought that this was a somewhat optimistic view of the situation, unless Sulayem were to experience problems of his own during leg 3.

**Problems**  
In the event this is exactly what happened. Sulayem hit gearbox problems in the very first stage of leg 3. This was replaced, but he arrived at the next time control late and incurred a one minute penalty. Once again he was experiencing traction problems with the Toyota Celica Twincam turbo, and he found himself frustrated at the car's lack of grip. "I used hardly any tyres," he complained. "I wish we could use more — with good traction the tyres wear out quicker."

Al Hajri came back to take the lead, with some very speedy driving, but unfortunately his multitude of troubles was not yet over. He suffered the same type of blown tyre as Llewellyn, losing his wing, and with it, protection from the dust. Rothmans team mechanics tried to patch it up as best they could, but it was clear that visibility inside the car was poor and that the Qatari's

accuracy was suffering as a result.

Sulayem kept and lengthened his newfound 23-second lead throughout the remainder of the rally. He suffered a few remaining set backs with shock absorbers, but his victory was no longer in any doubt. Al Hajri, on the other hand, had still more problems in store, with electrical problems forcing his car to be pushed into the parc ferme at Queen Alia Hotel, and on the last stage the car had a blown head gasket.

## Missed

For Hajri this rally was one of the most frustrating, but fits into a pattern of similar bad luck throughout the last year. In Qatar he came second because of a puncture; and in Kuwait his win was overturned due to a technical error. Sulayem now holds a sound 22-point lead and cannot be beaten if he comes 2nd in all rounds. He can still draw, but Al Hajri has to win each of the remaining rounds. Even then, the championship would be decided by awarding it to the winner of the longest rally. This is likely to be Jordan, although the exact details of the Oman route are not yet available.

A separate race took place for third place. Prince Abdullah drove very well indeed, given the limitations of his car. Right at the start of the event, he had identified his main competitor as Hani Bisharat in the Toyota Celica.

The prince was lying in third place ahead of Bisharat early on the second leg, but missed his way on the penultimate stage, losing time, and again, on the way back suffering a puncture.

Bisharat took a good lead which the prince, and navigator Ali Bilbesi did their utmost to close.

Bisharat rolled his car early on the final leg, and the prince suddenly found himself with no competition. Hajri and Sulayem were too far ahead, and Stromberg too far behind. He drove safely and wisely through the remaining stages. This represented a very good result for his driver. In the past events he had relied on his ex-navigator Amr Bilbesi to take over for the tarmac sections, but this year showed that he has mastered the technique. However, his Opel Manta 400 is in no way in the same league as the powerful Celica turbo or the Audis.

Ola Stromberg put in a splendid event in the Saab, but brake problems pushed him back.

Sadly the Kuwaiti participants had little luck. Mohammed Jarrar went out on stage 2 with clutch problems. Lester Featherstonehaugh was running as high as tenth before the engine of his Volvo seized.

## Finished

Ahmed Al Nasser was forced out on day two due to mechanical problems, and Ali Al Birami was also doing well, before being forced to retire at the end of leg 2.

The accolade must go to Sarkis Sourjian, who finished 11th in this gruelling and demanding event. Another casualty was Michel Saleh. The Manta lent to him by Prince Abdullah suffered a series of problems which forced him out at the end of the second leg. He never ran as high as he should have done, due to service problems with the car.

Of the 36 drivers who set out on Wednesday afternoon only 12 finished the rally.

## Chappell resigns as Australian selector

MELBOURNE, June 17. (Reuters): Former Australian cricket captain and selector Greg Chappell today said he would cut formal ties with the game in protest at archaic administrators with too little commercial or sporting expertise.

"I was beating my head against a brick wall and not getting a great deal of satisfaction from doing it," the 39-year-old Queenslander told a news conference in Melbourne.

He said he was resigning as Australian selector and from the Queensland Cricket Association (QCA).

**Bitter**  
"I'm sad for the game of cricket. We're not going forward as fast as we could. But I'm not bitter at all," he said. "Perhaps we withdrawing might make people sit up and take notice that there are things that should be changed."

Chappell said he regretted being unable to reform cricket administration but said contact between players and administrators had improved in his time.

"I regret that perhaps I didn't have a bigger impact. I had a go at it, I enjoyed the involvement but there are other things that I would rather be doing," he said.

"I have no personal grudges. I just got the feeling that the system, certainly at the state level is wrong. It's an archaic system that makes it very difficult for anyone person or even a number of people to change it."

Chappell retired from playing in 1985. His reputation suffered after he ordered his brother Trevor to bowl underarm in the last ball of a close match with

New Zealand in 1981.

"I made a decision on the spur of the moment. I realise it was the wrong decision," he said today. "But I can live with it. I don't have the power of changing those sports of things so there's no point worrying about it."

Chappell last year became only the third former captain (behind Joe Durling and Sir Donald Bradman) to be elected to the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) in its 83-year history.

An eight handicap golfer, Chappell said he aimed to improve his game and spend more time with his family and in his real-estate management business.

He said he had no plans to follow his brother and fellow former Test cricketer Ian into television, and did not discount the chance of returning to cricket administration later.

"I am not walking away from the game of cricket. I still have a great love of the game and I would like to keep in touch, but I am not prepared to put in the time and effort that I have been."

## Loss

Chappell had been tipped to follow Malcolm Gray as ACB chairman and Gray told reporters the board deeply regretted the loss of Chappell as a board member.

"Greg has made a magnificent contribution to Australian cricket for more than two decades and I thank him for that," Gray said. "We hope that in the future he may be enticed back to share his cricket knowledge and management skills."

## Waugh hammers ton

LONDON, June 17. (Reuters): Australian Steve Waugh, capped by Somerset on Monday after New Zealander Martin Crowe withdrew for the rest of the season, took his week's run tally close to 400 in the English County Cricket Championship match against Sussex at Bath yesterday.

Waugh, who had struck 68, 103 not out and 79 in his three previous home innings this week, collected his third championship century of the season with 137, helping Somerset to declare at 276 for six in reply to Sussex's 320 for six declared.

**Batted**  
Waugh took over after Somerset had slipped to 62 for three, moving to his hundred from 200 balls. He eventually batted 267 minutes and faced 258 balls, hitting 13 fours and a six before playing on to Andy Clarke.

Sussex ended on 12 for one and with one day to play are 56 ahead.

Another Australian, Terry Alderman, was in good form with the ball for Gloucestershire, capturing six Essex wickets for 41 in 19 overs.

Among his victims were Australian Test captain Allan Border as Essex, saved from complete disaster by Alan Lilley (80 not out) and Don Topley (44), made 188. Following on 192 behind,



Waugh: third century of season

Essex were 41 for one at the close.

Wickets again fell cheaply at Headingley as bottom club Yorkshire were bowled out for only 123 in their second innings, leaving Warwickshire, 81 all out in their first knock, 206 to win. At the close they were 112 for two.

Second placed Kent looked set for their fifth victory of the season. After gaining a first innings lead of 53 over Lancashire at Tunbridge Wells they reduced the visitors to 90 for five.

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